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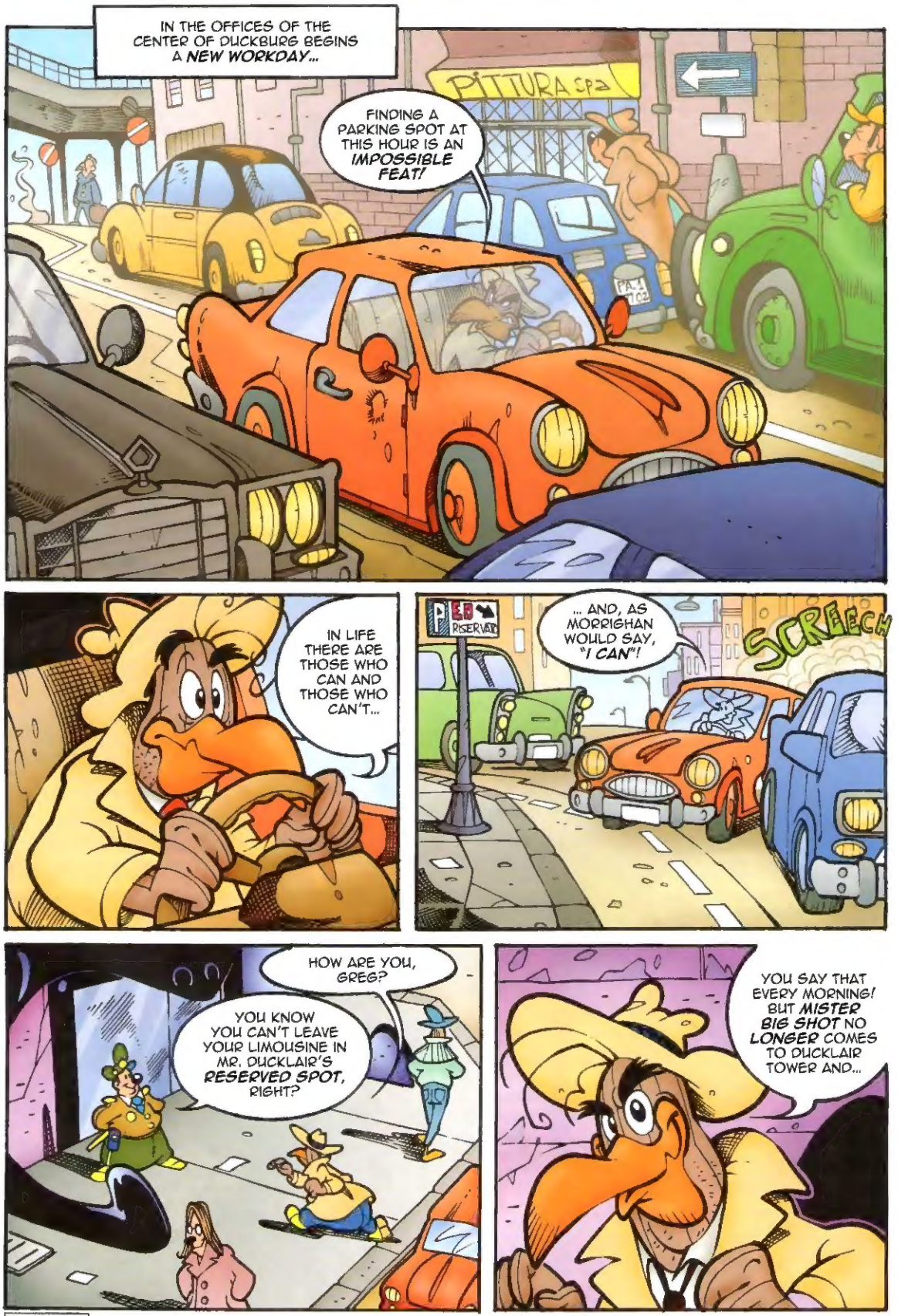
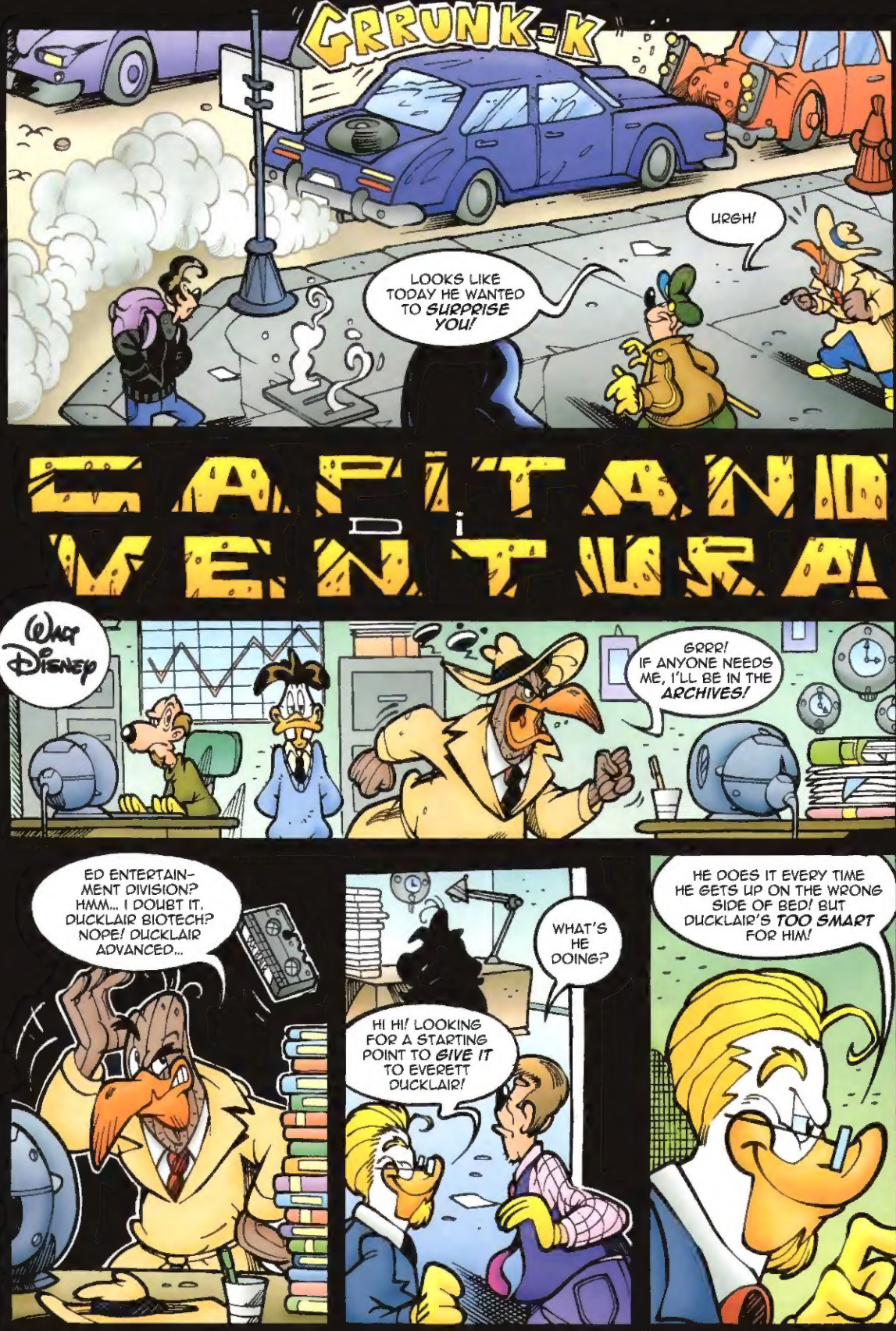
CAPITANO DI VENTURA


IN THE OFFICES OF THE CENTER OF DUCKBURG BEGINS A NEW WORKDAY...
PITTURA spa
FINDING A PARKING SPOT AT THIS HOUR IS AN IMPOSSIBLE FEAT!
IN LIFE THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN AND THOSE WHO CAN'T...
... AND, AS MORRIGHAN WOULD SAY, "I CAN"!
SCREECH
HOW ARE YOU, GREG?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR LIMOUSINE IN MR. DUCKLAIR'S RESERVED SPOT, RIGHT?
YOU SAY THAT EVERY MORNING! BUT MISTER BIG SHOT NO LONGER COMES TO DUCKLAIR TOWER AND...


GRRUNK-K
URGH!
LOOKS LIKE TODAY HE WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU!
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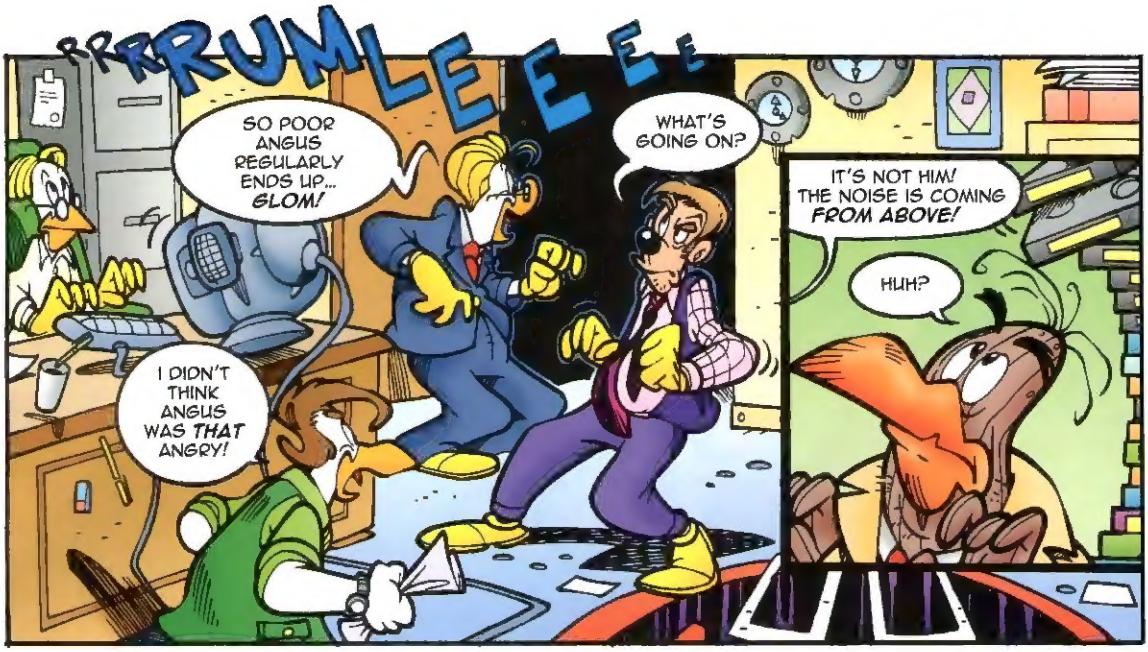
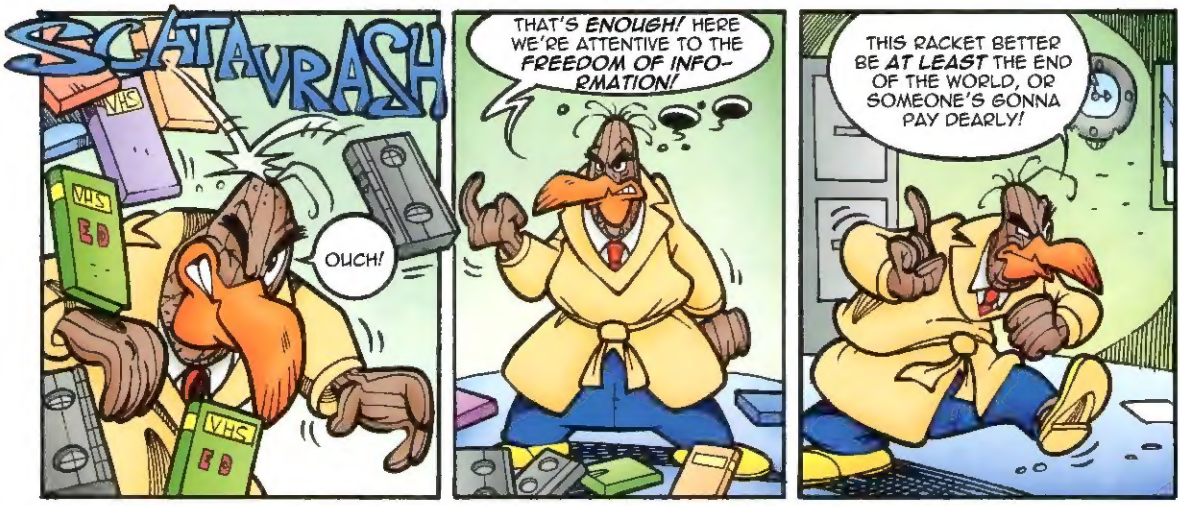
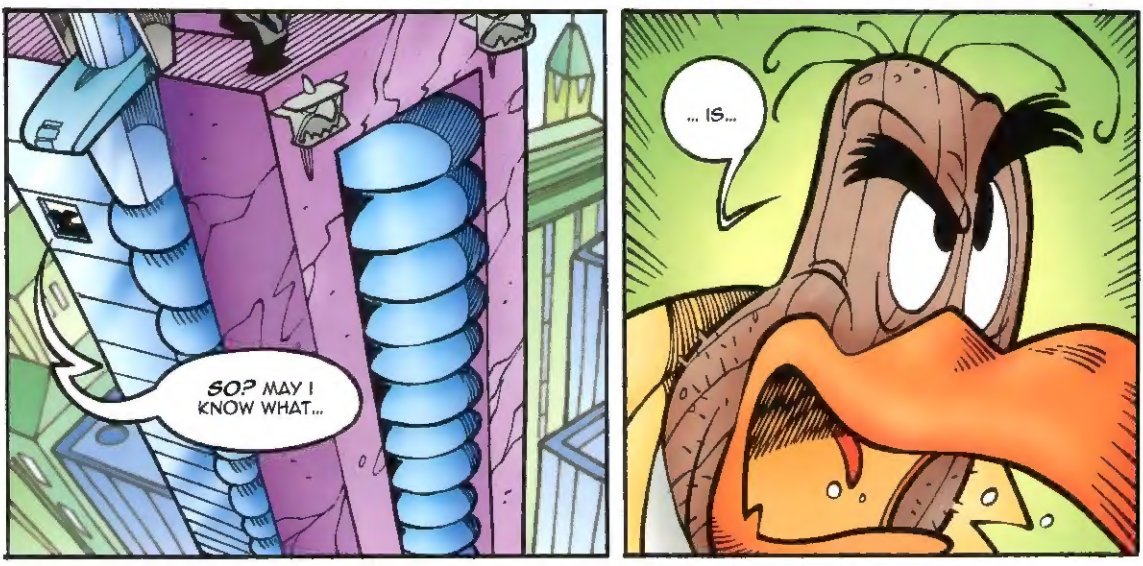
GRRR! IF ANYONE NEEDS ME, I'LL BE IN THE ARCHIVES!
ED ENTERTAINMENT DIVISION? HMM... I DOUBT IT. DUCKLAIR BIOTECH? NOPE! DUCKLAIR ADVANCED...
WHAT'S HE DOING?
HI HI! LOOKING FOR A STARTING POINT TO GIVE IT TO EVERETT DUCKLAIR!
HE DOES IT EVERY TIME HE GETS UP ON THE WRONG SIDE OF BED! BUT DUCKLAIR'S TOO SMART FOR HIM!

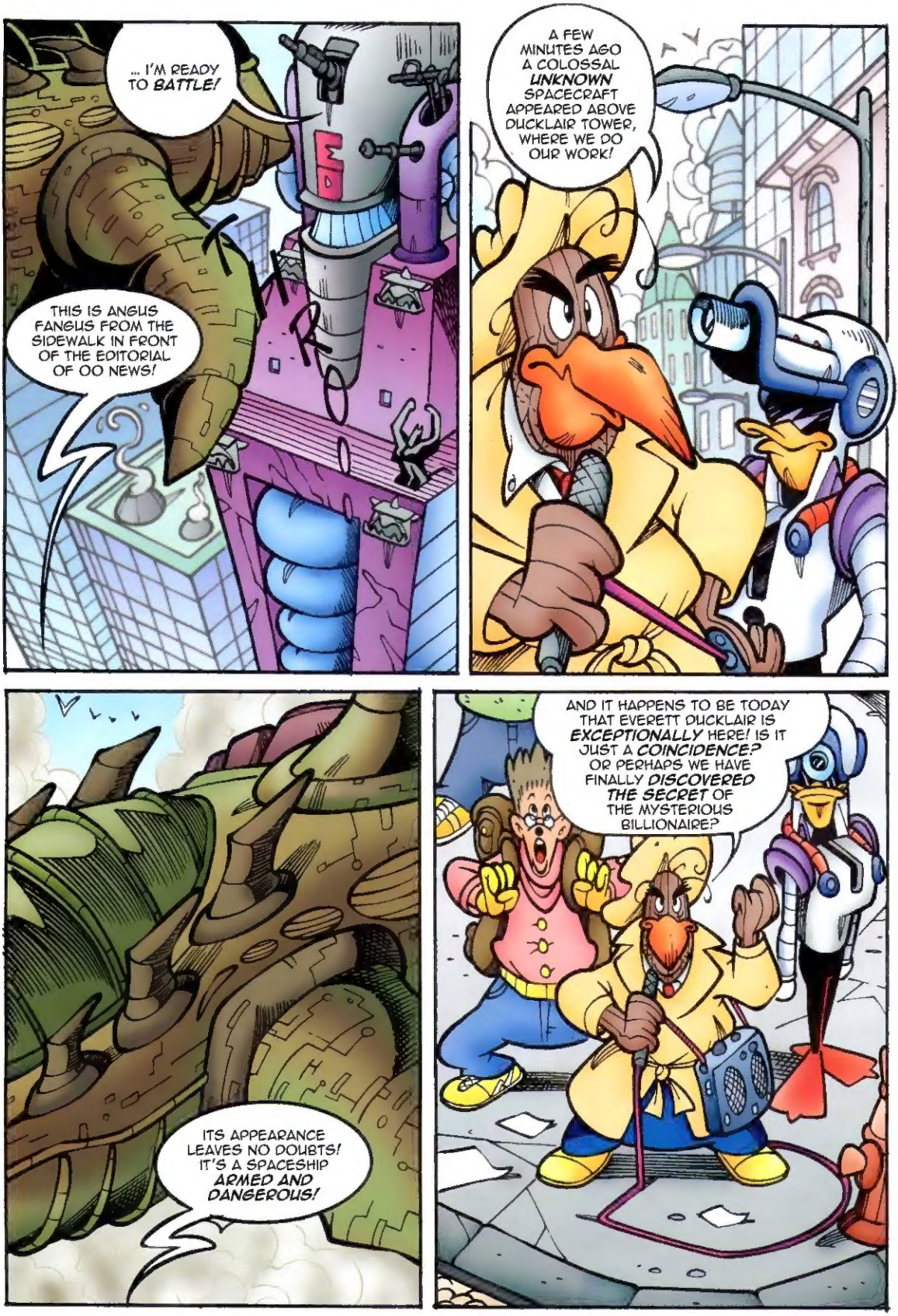

RRRRUMLEEEE
SO POOR ANGUS REGULARLY ENDS UP... GLOM!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DIDN'T THINK ANGUS WAS THAT ANGRY!
IT'S NOT HIM! THE NOISE IS COMING FROM ABOVE!
HUH?

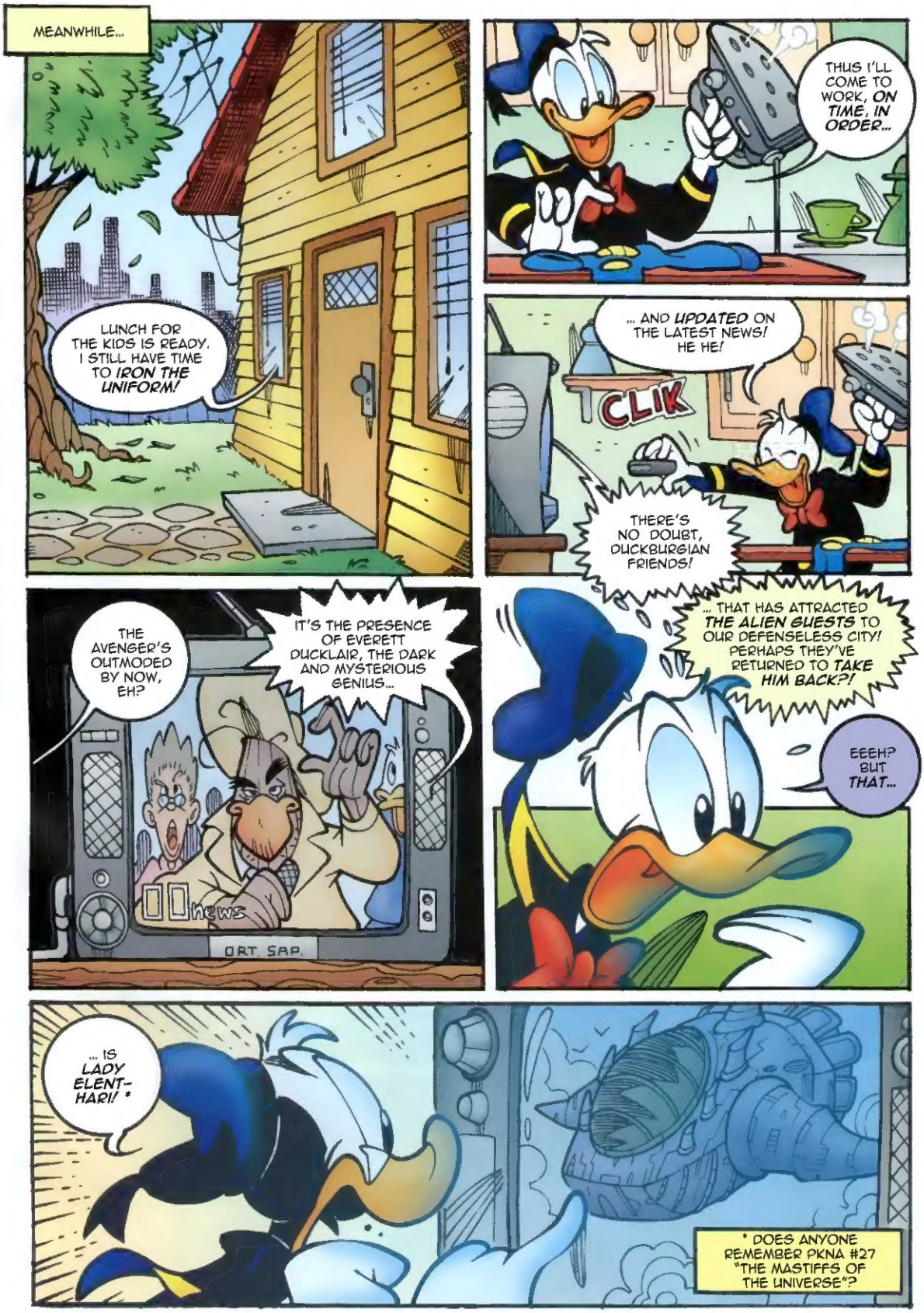

SCHTAVRASH
VHS
OUCH!
THAT'S ENOUGH! HERE WE'RE ATTENTIVE TO THE FREEDOM OF INFO-RMATION!
THIS RACKET BETTER BE AT LEAST THE END OF THE WORLD, OR SOMEONE'S GONNA PAY DEARLY!

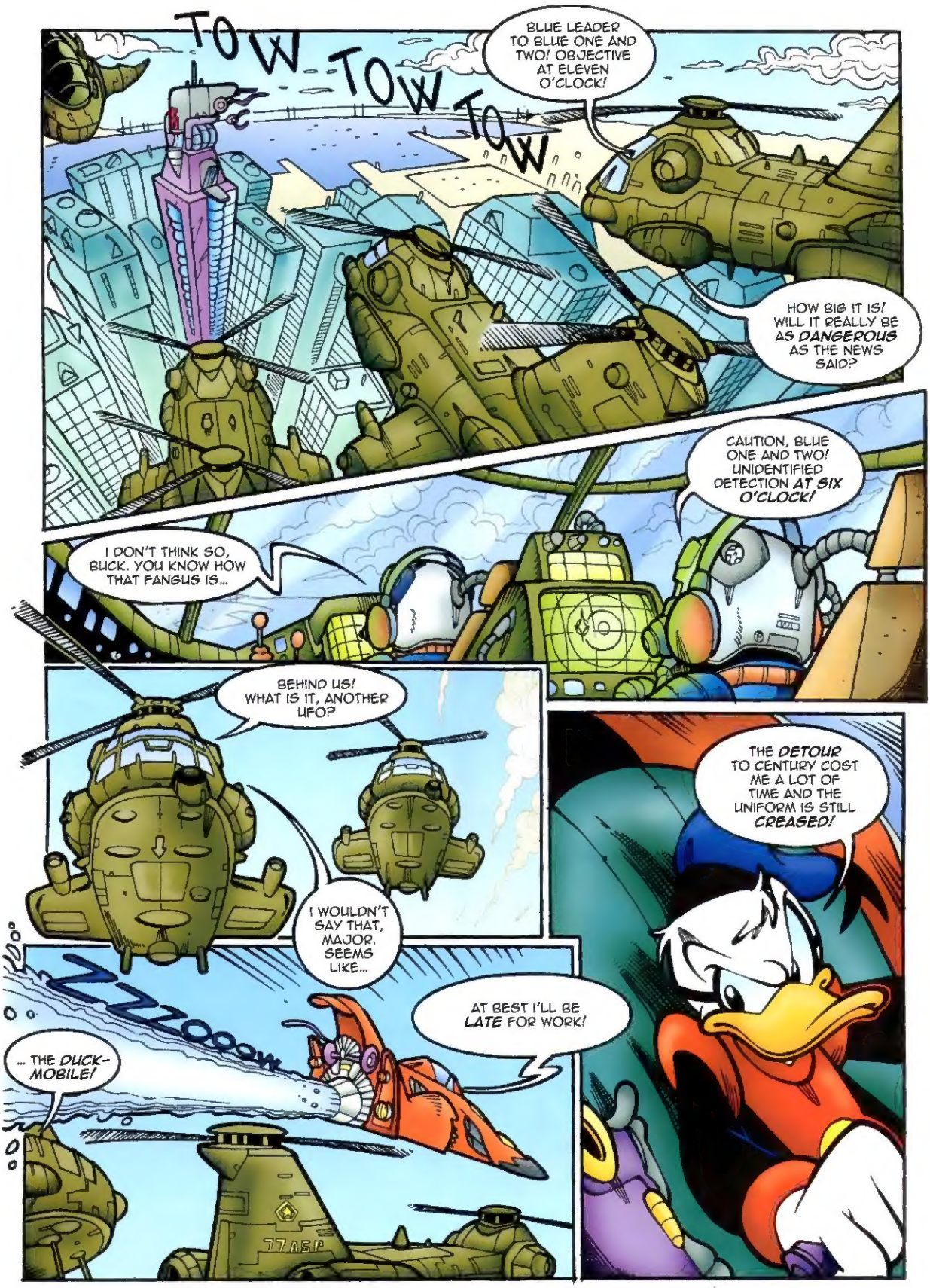

SO? MAY I KNOW WHAT...
... IS...

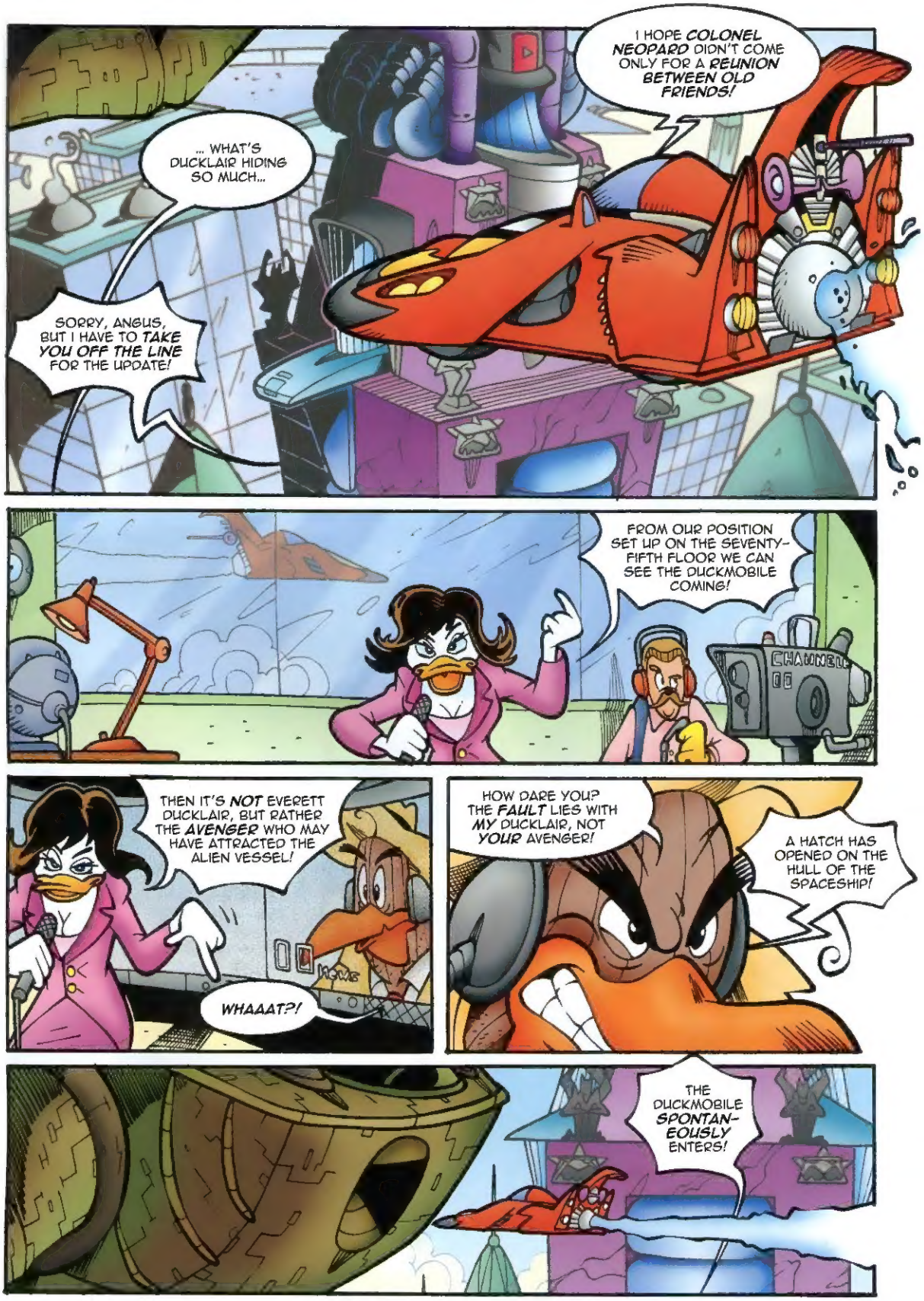
... MARVELOUS!
COME QUICKLY! WE HAVE TO TAKE SHELTER!
FROM WHAT, BIRGIT?
FROM THE... OH! I FORGOT THAT YOUR OFFICE IS COMPLETELY ISOLATED FROM ANY EXTERNAL INFLUENCE!

THEN YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED THAT THERE'S AN ENORMOUS SPACESHIP RIGHT ABOVE DUCKLAIR TOWER!
WHAT?!
MAKE SURE ALL PERSONNEL EXIT THE BUILDING! I HAVE THINGS TO DO!
?
TO THE SECRET FLOOR, ELEVATOR! NOW!
VOICEPRINT RECOGNIZED. ACCELERATION ACTIVATED.
EMERGENCY PROTOCOL "C"! PRIMARY DEFENSE ROUTINE!
SYSTEMS FROM ALPHA TO VICTOR INSERTED.
BATTLE STATION IS OPERATIONAL AND READY.
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A CORONIAN SPACESHIP, BUT IT'S BETTER TO NOT TAKE RISKS...

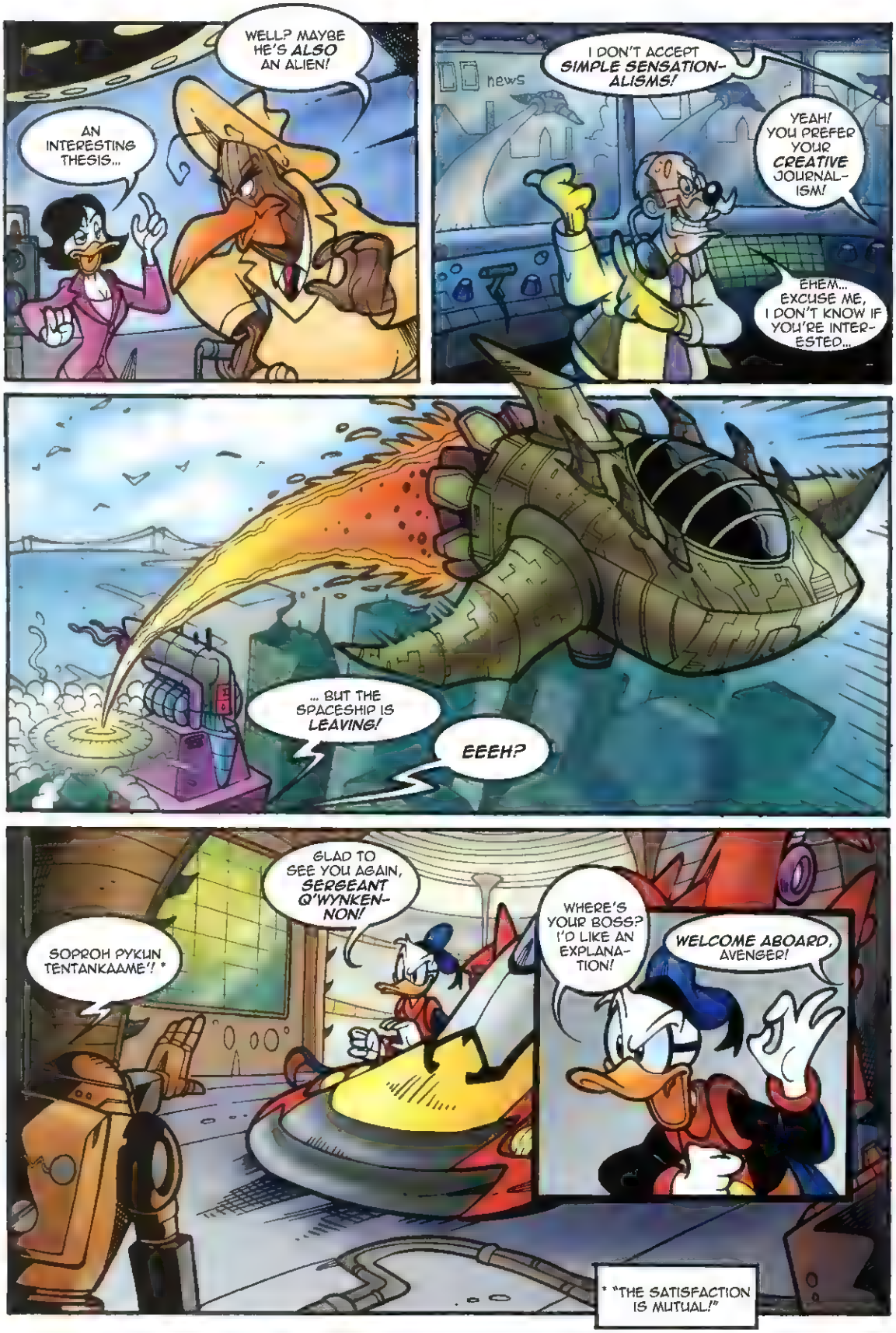

... I'M READY TO BATTLE!
THIS IS ANGUS FANGUS FROM THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE EDITORIAL OF OO NEWS!
A FEW MINUTES AGO A COLOSSAL UNKNOWN SPACECRAFT APPEARED ABOVE DUCKLAIR TOWER, WHERE WE DO OUR WORK!
ITS APPEARANCE LEAVES NO DOUBTS! IT'S A SPACESHIP ARMED AND DANGEROUS!
AND IT HAPPENS TO BE TODAY THAT EVERETT DUCKLAIR IS EXCEPTIONALLY HERE! IS IT JUST A COINCIDENCE? OR PERHAPS WE HAVE FINALLY DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF THE MYSTERIOUS BILLIONAIRE?

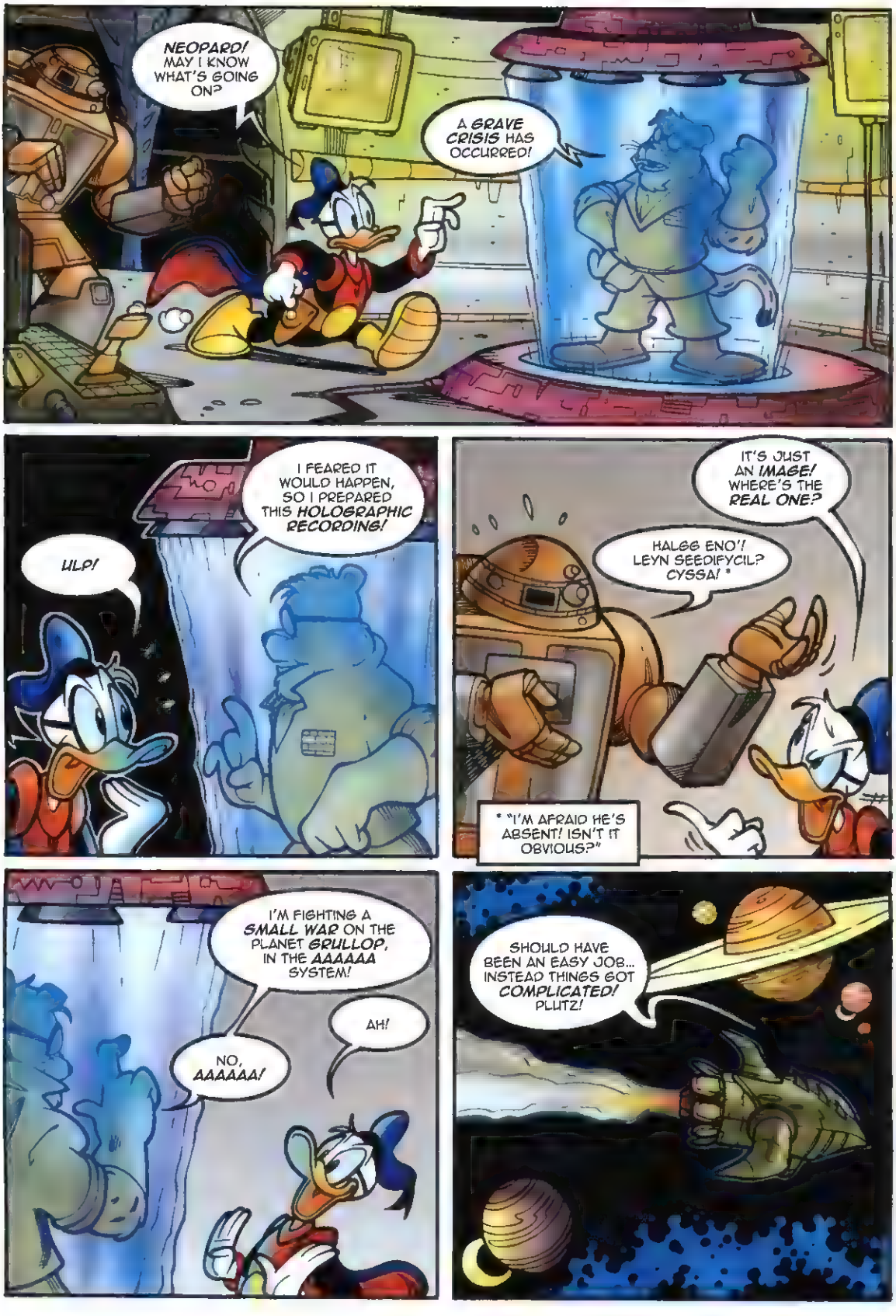

MEANWHILE...
LUNCH FOR THE KIDS IS READY. I STILL HAVE TIME TO IRON THE UNIFORM!
THUS I'LL COME TO WORK, ON TIME, IN ORDER...
... AND UPDATED ON THE LATEST NEWS! HE HE!
CLIK
THERE'S NO DOUBT, DUCKBURGIAN FRIENDS!
THE AVENGER'S OUTMODED BY NOW, EH?
IT'S THE PRESENCE OF EVERETT DUCKLAIR, THE DARK AND MYSTERIOUS GENIUS...
news
ORT. SAP.
... THAT HAS ATTRACTED THE ALIEN GUESTS TO OUR DEFENSELESS CITY! PERHAPS THEY'VE RETURNED TO TAKE HIM BACK?!
EEEH? BUT THAT...
... IS LADY ELENT-HARI! *
* DOES ANYONE REMEMBER PKNA #27 "THE MASTIFFS OF THE UNIVERSE"?

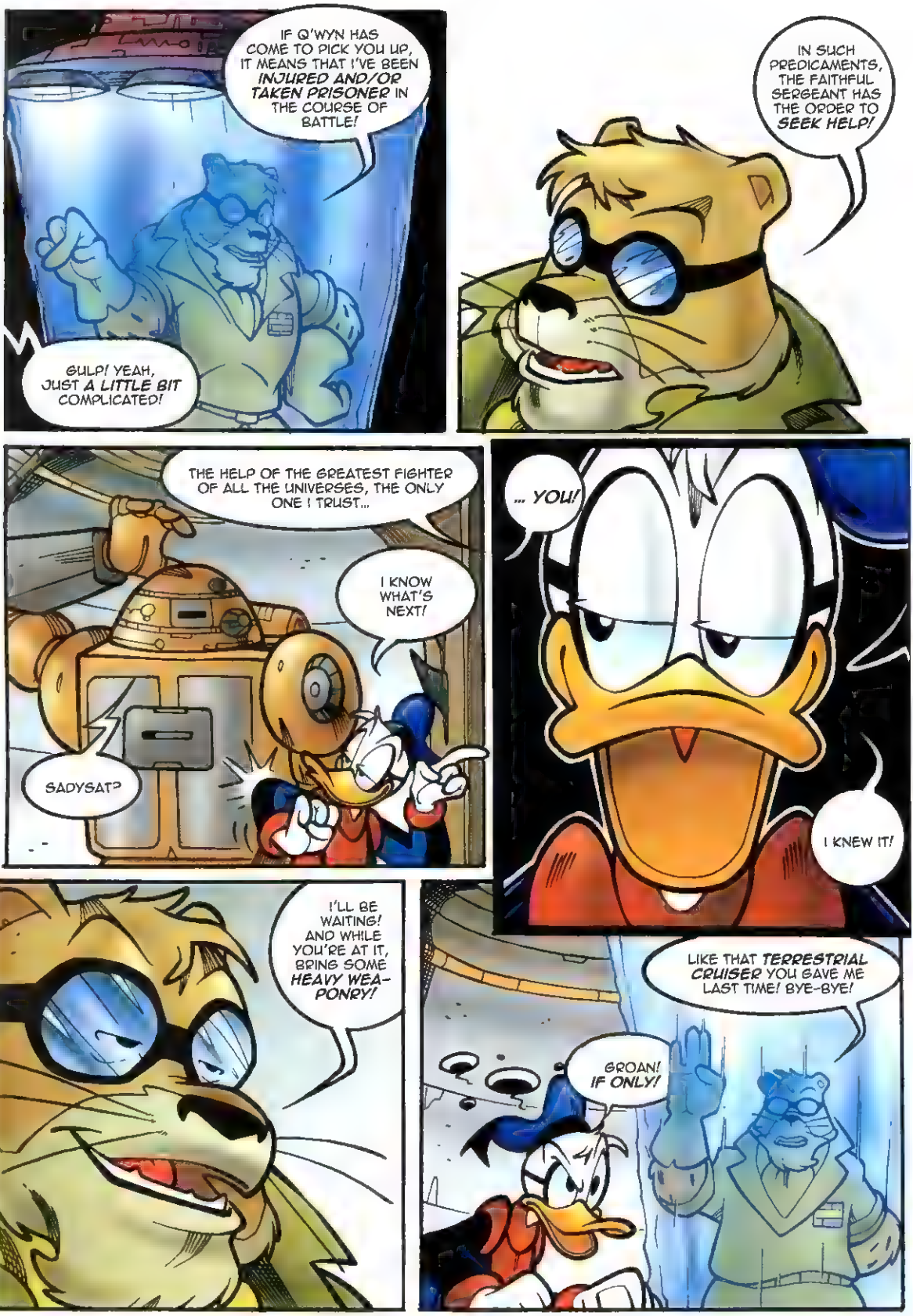

TOW TOW TOW
BLUE LEADER TO BLUE ONE AND TWO! OBJECTIVE AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK!
HOW BIG IT IS! WILL IT REALLY BE AS DANGEROUS AS THE NEWS SAID?
CAUTION, BLUE ONE AND TWO! UNIDENTIFIED DETECTION AT SIX O'CLOCK!
I DON'T THINK SO, BUCK. YOU KNOW HOW THAT FANGUS IS...
BEHIND US! WHAT IS IT, ANOTHER UFO?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT, MAJOR. SEEMS LIKE...
ZZZOOOM
... THE DUCK-MOBILE!
AT BEST I'LL BE LATE FOR WORK!
THE DETOUR TO CENTURY COST ME A LOT OF TIME AND THE UNIFORM IS STILL CREASED!

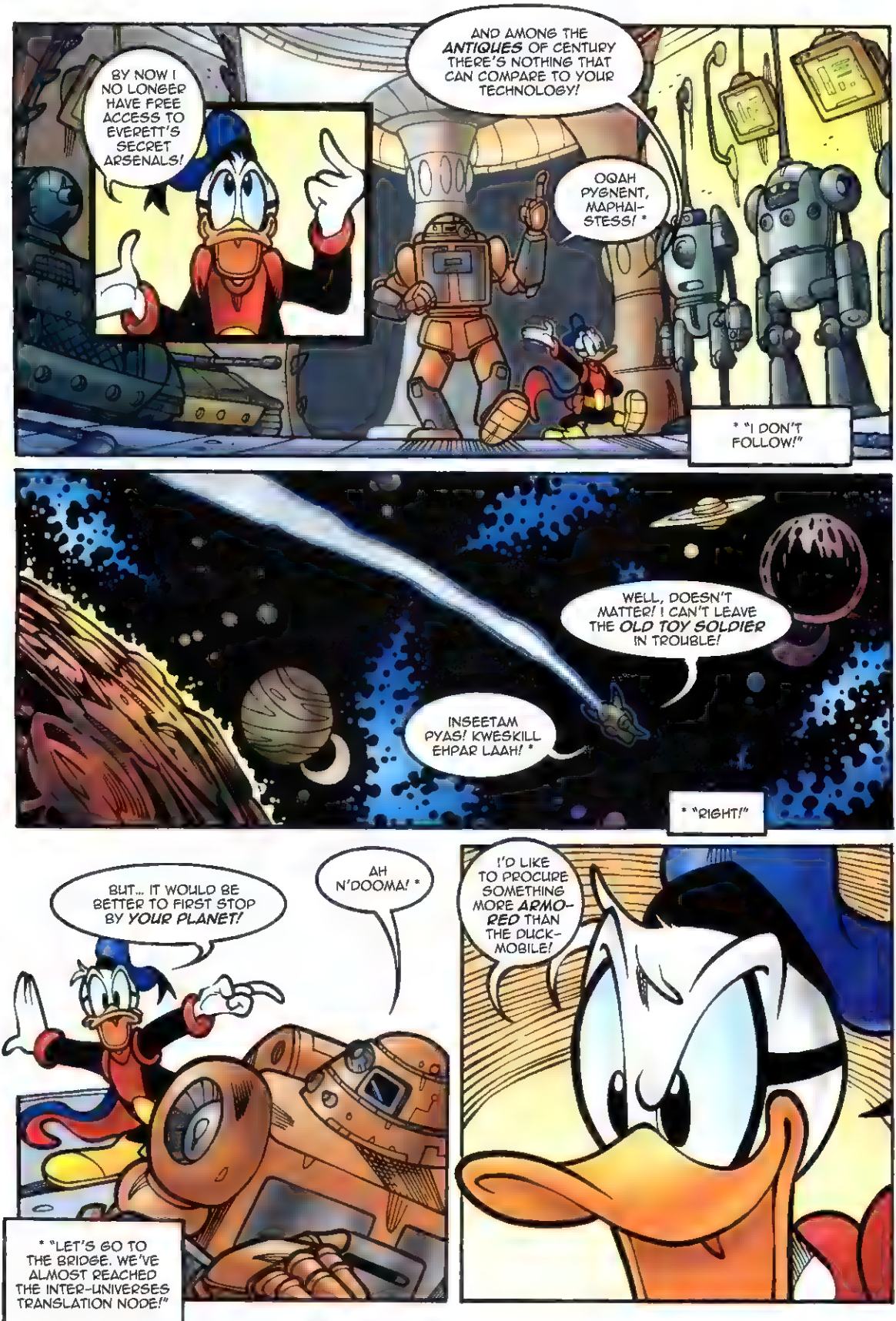

I HOPE COLONEL NEOPARD DIDN'T COME ONLY FOR A REUNION BETWEEN OLD FRIENDS!
... WHAT'S DUCKLAIR HIDING SO MUCH...
SORRY, ANGUS, BUT I HAVE TO TAKE YOU OFF THE LINE FOR THE UPDATE!
FROM OUR POSITION SET UP ON THE SEVENTY-FIFTH FLOOR WE CAN SEE THE DUCKMOBILE COMING!
CHANNEL 06
THEN IT'S NOT EVERETT DUCKLAIR, BUT RATHER THE AVENGER WHO MAY HAVE ATTRACTED THE ALIEN VESSEL!
WHAAAT?!
HOW DARE YOU? THE FAULT LIES WITH MY DUCKLAIR, NOT YOUR AVENGER!
A HATCH HAS OPENED ON THE HULL OF THE SPACESHIP!
THE DUCKMOBILE SPONTAN-EOUSLY ENTERS!

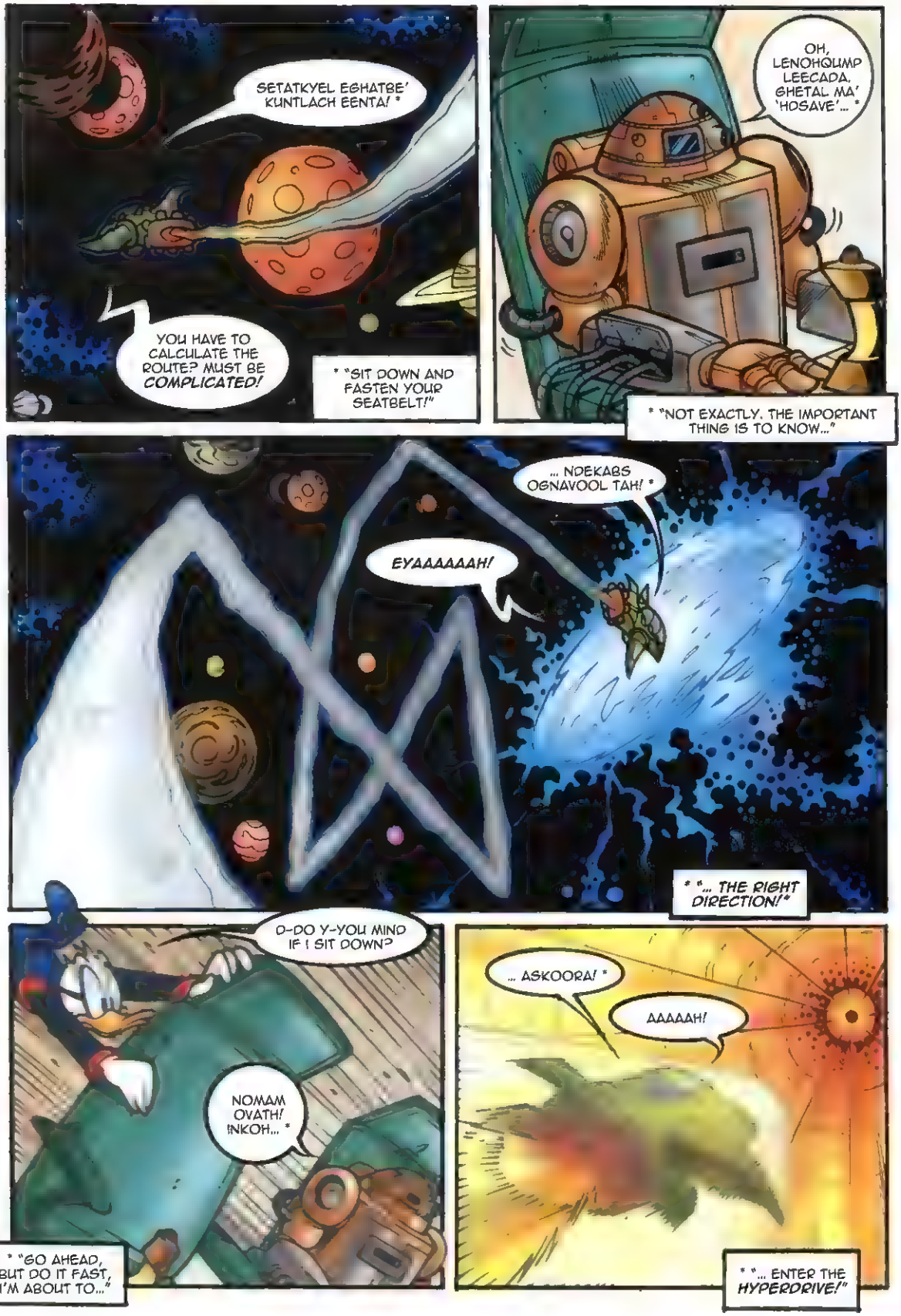
IT'S CLEAR THAT THE AVENGER IS IN CAHOOTS WITH THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS, DEAR VIEWERS!
WHAT NONSENSE! GET ME BACK ON AIR!
I CAN'T. THE DIRECTION HAS CUT US OFF!
AH, IS THAT SO? WELL, NOW WE'LL SEE WHO'S CUT OFF!
WHAT ARE THE MASKED MENACE AND HIS SPACE ACCOMPLICES PLOTTING?
EXCUSE ME, GEENA...
URGH!
... BUT I NEED TO GET BACK ON THE LINE FOR AN EXAMINATION OF THE SITUATION!
YOU ALL SAW IT! THE ALIENS HAVE ABDUCTED THE AVENGER!
WHO DID THIS TO THE COSTUMED PALADIN? PERHAPS A CERTAIN MAGNATE WHO...
YOU THINK DUCKLAIR HAS HIRED THE MARTIANS TO GET RID OF THE DUCK AVENGER?

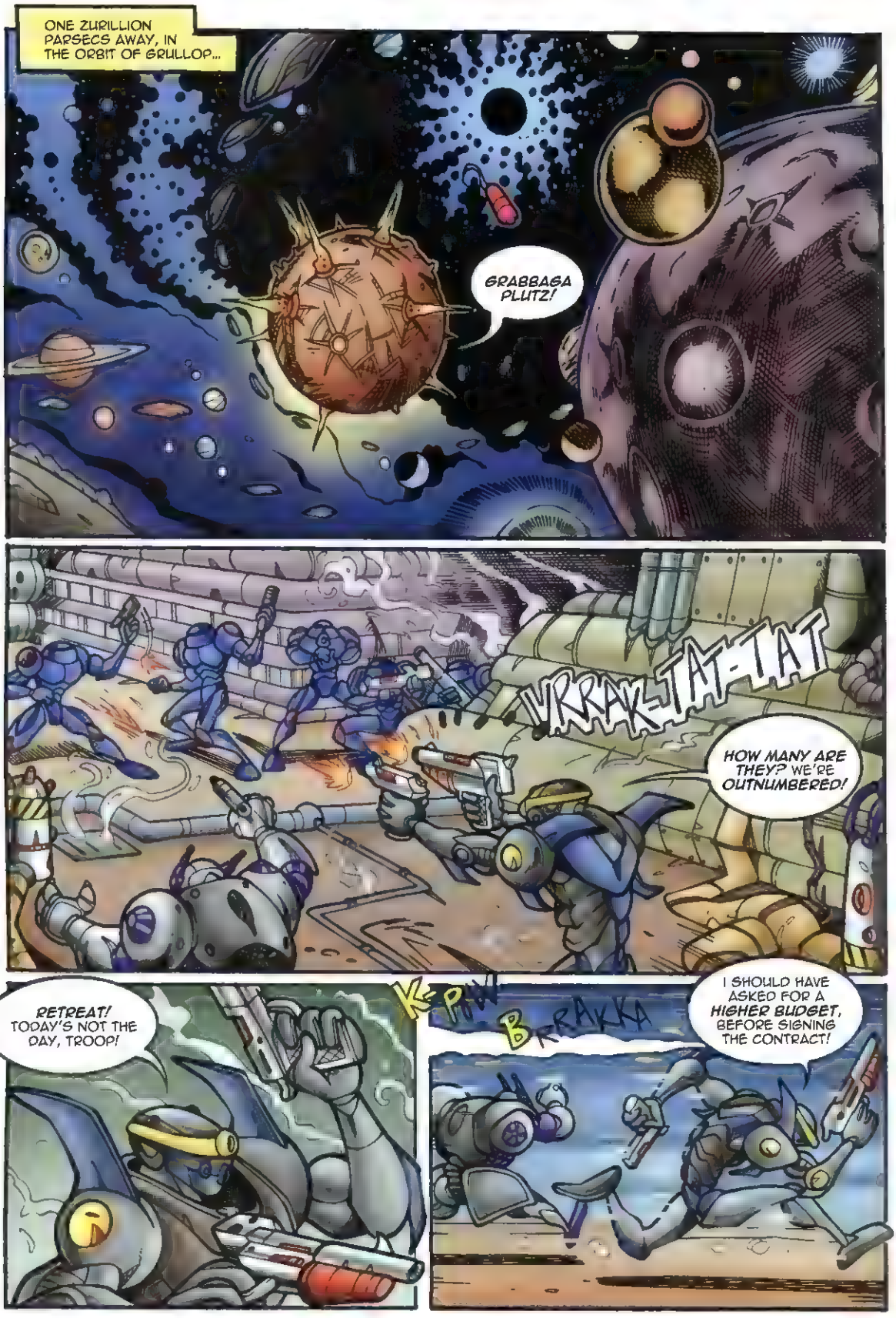

WELL? MAYBE HE'S ALSO AN ALIEN!
AN INTERESTING THESIS...
I DON'T ACCEPT SIMPLE SENSATIONALISMS!
news
YEAH! YOU PREFER YOUR CREATIVE JOURNALISM!
EHEM... EXCUSE ME, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED...
... BUT THE SPACESHIP IS LEAVING!
EEEH?
SOPROH PYKUN TENTANKAAME'! *
GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SERGEANT Q'WYNKENNON!
WHERE'S YOUR BOSS? I'D LIKE AN EXPLANATION!
WELCOME ABOARD, AVENGER!
* "THE SATISFACTION IS MUTUAL!"


NEOPARD! MAY I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
A GRAVE CRISIS HAS OCCURRED!
ULP!
I FEARED IT WOULD HAPPEN, SO I PREPARED THIS HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING!
IT'S JUST AN IMAGE! WHERE'S THE REAL ONE?
HALGG ENO'! LEYN SEEDIFYCIL? CYSSA! *
* "I'M AFRAID HE'S ABSENT! ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?"
I'M FIGHTING A SMALL WAR ON THE PLANET GRULLOP, IN THE AAAAAA SYSTEM!
AH!
NO, AAAAAA!
SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN EASY JOB... INSTEAD THINGS GOT COMPLICATED! PLUTZ!


IF Q'WYN HAS COME TO PICK YOU UP, IT MEANS THAT I'VE BEEN INJURED AND/OR TAKEN PRISONER IN THE COURSE OF BATTLE!
GULP! YEAH, JUST A LITTLE BIT COMPLICATED!
IN SUCH PREDICAMENTS, THE FAITHFUL SERGEANT HAS THE ORDER TO SEEK HELP!
THE HELP OF THE GREATEST FIGHTER OF ALL THE UNIVERSES, THE ONLY ONE I TRUST...
I KNOW WHAT'S NEXT!
SADYSAT?
... YOU!
I KNEW IT!
I'LL BE WAITING! AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, BRING SOME HEAVY WEAPONRY!
LIKE THAT TERRESTRIAL CRUISER YOU GAVE ME LAST TIME! BYE-BYE!
GROAN! IF ONLY!

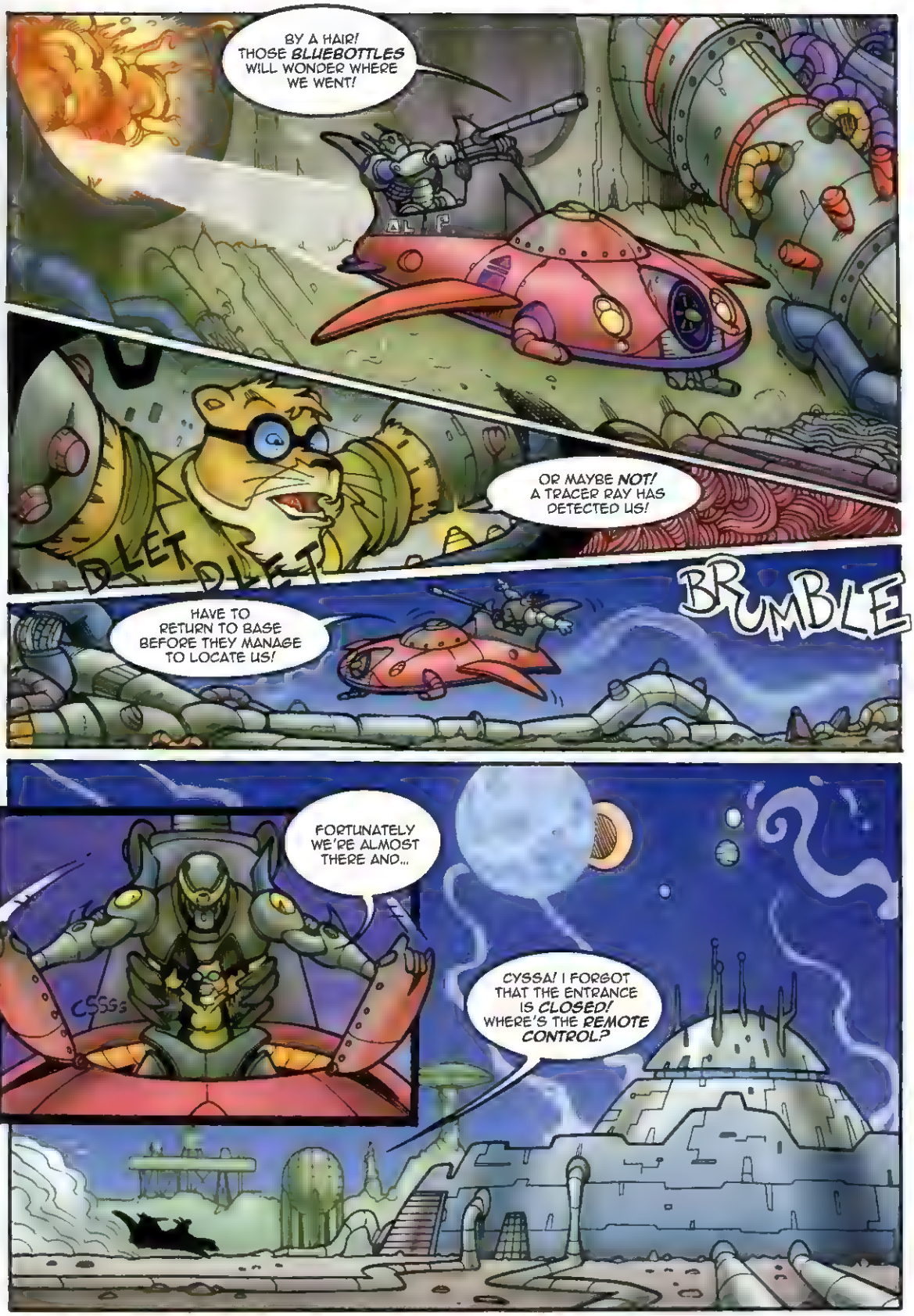

BY NOW I NO LONGER HAVE FREE ACCESS TO EVERETT'S SECRET ARSENALS!
AND AMONG THE ANTIQUES OF CENTURY THERE'S NOTHING THAT CAN COMPARE TO YOUR TECHNOLOGY!
OQAH PYGNENT, MAPHAI-STESS! *
* "I DON'T FOLLOW!"
WELL, DOESN'T MATTER! I CAN'T LEAVE THE OLD TOY SOLDIER IN TROUBLE!
INSEETAM PYAS! KWESKILL EHPAR LAAH! *
* "RIGHT!"
BUT... IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FIRST STOP BY YOUR PLANET!
AH N'DOOMA! *
* "LET'S GO TO THE BRIDGE. WE'VE ALMOST REACHED THE INTER-UNIVERSES TRANSLATION NODE!"
I'D LIKE TO PROCURE SOMETHING MORE ARMORED THAN THE DUCK-MOBILE!

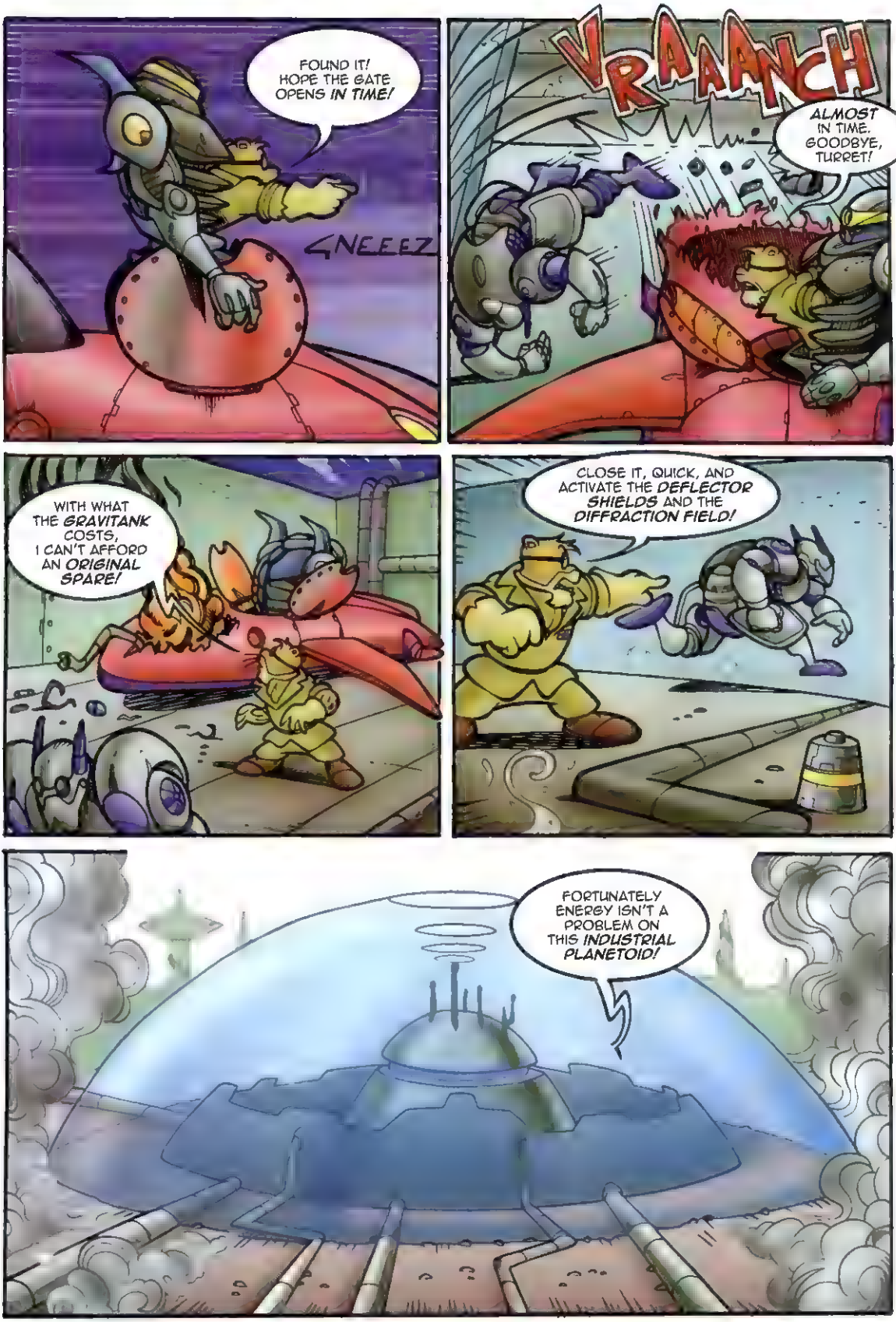

SETATKYEL EGHATBE' KUNTLACH EENTA! *
YOU HAVE TO CALCULATE THE ROUTE? MUST BE COMPLICATED!
* "SIT DOWN AND FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT!"
OH, LENOHQUMP LEECADA, GHETAL MA' 'HOSAVE'... *
* "NOT EXACTLY. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO KNOW..."
... NOEKABS OGNAVOOL TAH! *
EYAAAAAAH!
* "... THE RIGHT DIRECTION!"
O-DO Y-YOU MIND IF I SIT DOWN?
NOMAM OVATH! INKOH... *
* "GO AHEAD, BUT DO IT FAST, I'M ABOUT TO..."
... ASKOORA! *
AAAAAH!
* "... ENTER THE HYPERDRIVE!"

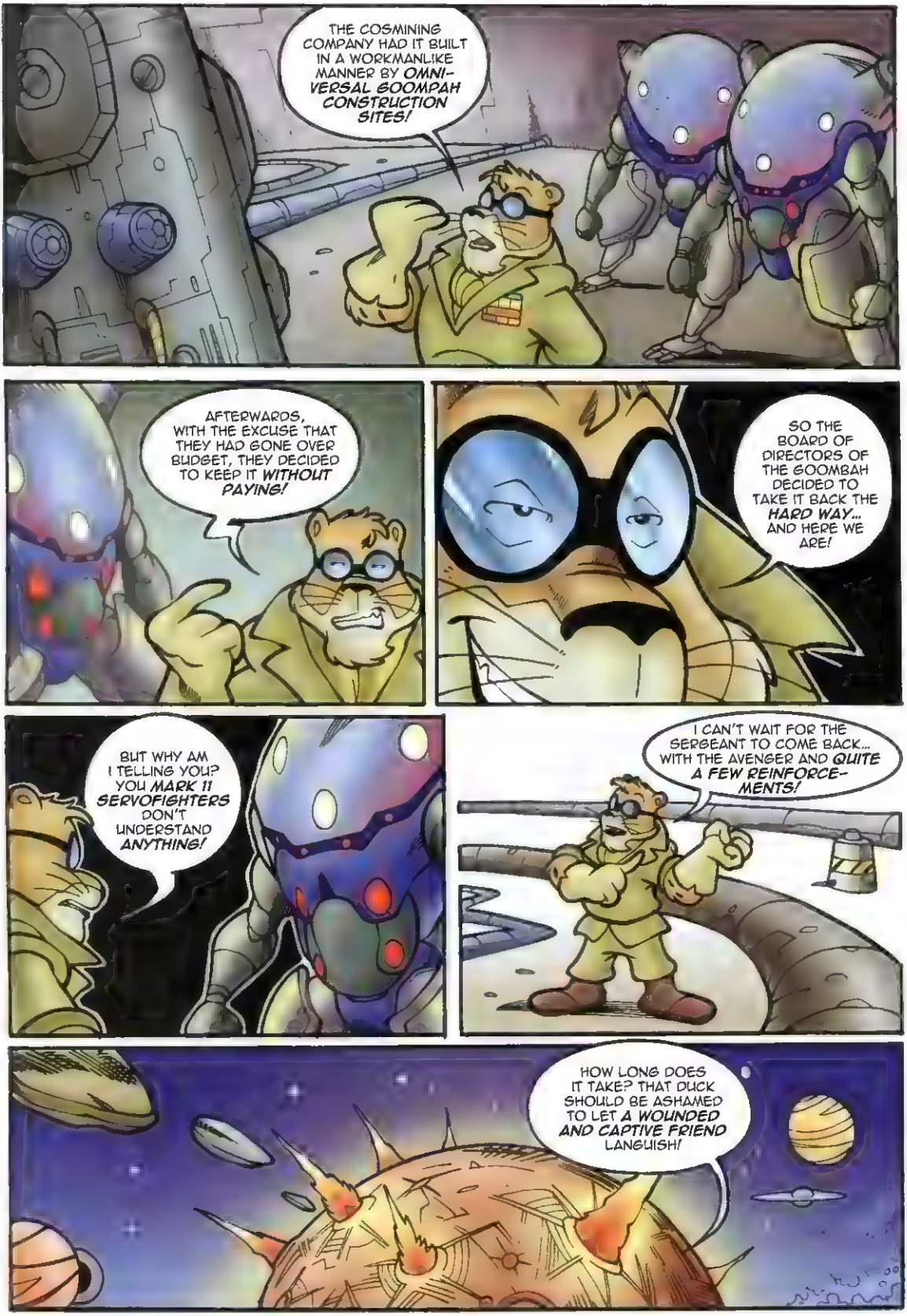

ONE ZURILLION PARSECS AWAY, IN THE ORBIT OF GRULLOP...
GRABBAGA PLUTZ!
VRRAK-TAT-TAT
HOW MANY ARE THEY? WE'RE OUTNUMBERED!
RETREAT! TODAY'S NOT THE DAY, TROOP!
K-PW
BRRAKKA
I SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR A HIGHER BUDGET, BEFORE SIGNING THE CONTRACT!

MY CLIENT IS AFTER ALL NOT MISSING FUNDS, OR I WOULDN'T BE ENGAGED IN A MEGACORPORATE CONFLICT!
EVERYONE ONBOARD! FALL BACK TO BASE CAMP!
CLANK
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
I'M SORRY, THE COACH'S FULL! WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE!
HA HA! THOSE DEFENDER C-PLUS ARE WELL ARMED, BUT TOO SLOW TO...
WAROOM
... EH?

OH NO! THEY HAVE AIR SUPPORT!
FFFFFFW
WARROOM
WELL, LET'S SEE IF THEY CAN FOLLOW US DOWN HERE!
I KNEW THE MAP OF THE DISPERSION CONDUITS WOULD BE USEFUL!
THE IMPORTANT THING NOW IS TO GET OUT BEFORE SOMEONE DISCHARGES...
KOOOOOOOM
... THE EXCESS OF HOT PLASMA!


BY A HAIR! THOSE BLUEBOTTLES WILL WONDER WHERE WE WENT!
OR MAYBE NOT! A TRACER RAY HAS DETECTED US!
D-LET D-LET
BRUMBLE
HAVE TO RETURN TO BASE BEFORE THEY MANAGE TO LOCATE US!
FORTUNATELY WE'RE ALMOST THERE AND...
CSSSs
CYSSA! I FORGOT THAT THE ENTRANCE IS CLOSED! WHERE'S THE REMOTE CONTROL?


FOUND IT! HOPE THE GATE OPENS IN TIME!
GNEEEZ
VRAAANCH
ALMOST IN TIME. GOODBYE, TURRET!
WITH WHAT THE GRAVITANK COSTS, I CAN'T AFFORD AN ORIGINAL SPARE!
CLOSE IT, QUICK, AND ACTIVATE THE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS AND THE DIFFRACTION FIELD!
FORTUNATELY ENERGY ISN'T A PROBLEM ON THIS INDUSTRIAL PLANETOID!

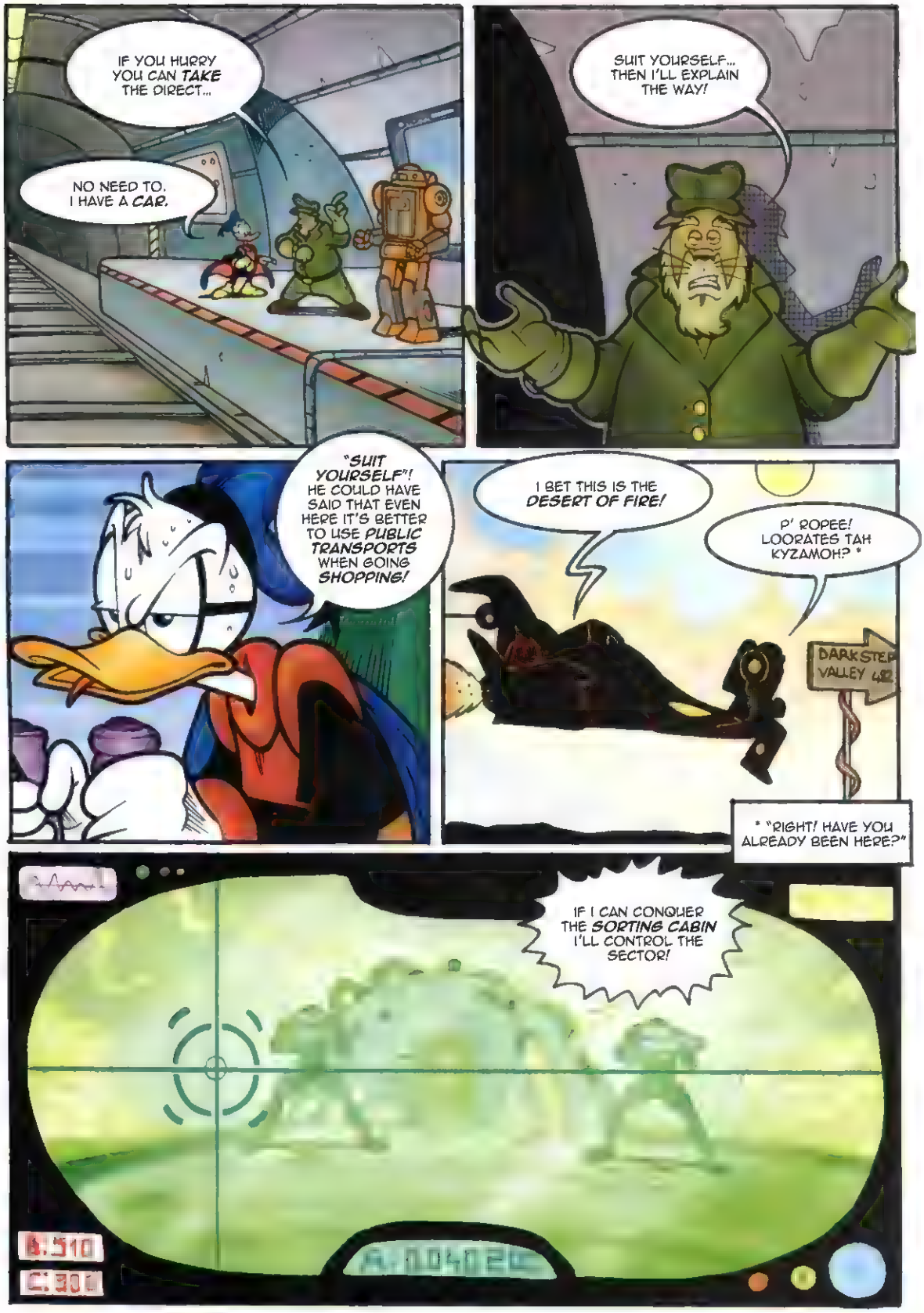

THE COSMINING COMPANY HAD IT BUILT IN A WORKMANLIKE MANNER BY OMNI-VERSAL GOOMPAH CONSTRUCTION SITES!
AFTERWARDS, WITH THE EXCUSE THAT THEY HAD GONE OVER BUDGET, THEY DECIDED TO KEEP IT WITHOUT PAYING!
SO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOOMBAH DECIDED TO TAKE IT BACK THE HARD WAY... AND HERE WE ARE!
BUT WHY AM I TELLING YOU? YOU MARK II SERVOFIGHTERS DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SERGEANT TO COME BACK... WITH THE AVENGER AND QUITE A FEW REINFORCE-MENTS!
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE? THAT DUCK SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO LET A WOUNDED AND CAPTIVE FRIEND LANGUISH!

SO THIS IS YOUR WORLD? DOESN'T SEEM CHEERFUL!
FFFSSHOO
HI THERE, GROFT! WELCOME BACK, OLD...
... CHOMBYA! YOU'RE NOT GROFT!
YOU DON'T SAY! WHO IS THAT?
GROFT VAN MOOR, ALSO KNOWN BY HIS BATTLE NAME COLONEL NEOPARD!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THEN WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON HIS SHIP?
CALM DOWN! I'M HIS... VICE CHIEF OF STAFF!
HE TOLD ME TO GO BUY SOME ULTRATANKS AND THINGS LIKE THAT!
HMM... IF THE SERGEANT SAYS SO, IT MUST BE TRUE!
PARIMPOOH SYBIL, MALHEINSEE! *
* "I CONFIRM!"

THUS, WELCOME TO ARMADHA! I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT GREAT!
THANKS! I WASN'T EXPECTING SUCH A WARM WELCOME!
SERIOUSLY? OUR PLANET'S THE MOST HOSPITABLE OF THE SECOND GALAXY IN THE LOWER RIGHT!
YOU MUST BE TIRED AFTER THE TRIP. LET ME OFFER YOU A CUP OF BROODEH!
TWO VERY HOT ONES, GNARR! FOR ME AND FOR GROFT'S VICE!
PLEASURE. FIRST TIME ON ARMADHA, EH?
YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO VISIT THE DESERT OF ICE AND THEN THE OTHER DESERT OF ICE AND...
BRRR! THERE'S NOTHING LESS REFRESHING?

SURE! THE DESERT OF FIRE!
PSSSCHT
AND ALSO THE OTHER DESERT OF FIRE!
TRUTH BE TOLD, OUR WORLD DOESN'T OFFER MUCH!
SURE, THAT TOO, WITHOUT THE AIR FACTORIES...
BUT IT HAS A CERTAIN ATMOSPHERE!
GLOM!
FIRE, ICE AND LITTLE TO BREATHE! HOW DO YOU GET BY?
THANKS TO EXPORTS!
AH, THERE! WHAT DO YOU EXPORT, MINERALS? ENERGY?
NO, MERCENARIES!
C-COFF!
WE OURSELVES ARE THE ONLY LOCAL RESOURCE!
AND LIVING ON A PLANET LIKE THIS, WE'VE BECOME RATHER TOUGH! CYSSSA!

COME! I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE TOURIST OFFICE!
ARMADHA'S LIKE THAT! WHEN YOU'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT YOU'LL LIKE IT TOO!
WAIT!
FIRST I'D LIKE TO SHOP. THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE!
WHERE CAN I FIND SOMETHING TRULY MASSIVE?
DEPENDS. GROFT GAVE YOU HIS GALACTIC CREDIT CARD, RIGHT?
EHEM... I THINK HE FORGOT! DO YOU ACCEPT PROMISSORY NOTES?
WE'RE HOSPITABLE, NOT DUMB!
HOWEVER, IN DARKSTEP VALLEY THERE'S EVERYTHING, FROM NANOWARBOTS TO COSMOSHIPS!
THE VALLEY IS THE ARMADHIAN TECHNOLOGICAL POLE. ALL OUR WORK TOOLS COME FROM THERE!
HANKAMÈE! *
* "THAT'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF!"


IF YOU HURRY YOU CAN TAKE THE DIRECT...
NO NEED TO. I HAVE A CAR.
SUIT YOURSELF... THEN I'LL EXPLAIN THE WAY!
"SUIT YOURSELF"! HE COULD HAVE SAID THAT EVEN HERE IT'S BETTER TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTS WHEN GOING SHOPPING!
I BET THIS IS THE DESERT OF FIRE!
P' ROPEE! LOORATES TAH KYZAMOH? *
DARK STEP VALLEY 482
* "RIGHT! HAVE YOU ALREADY BEEN HERE?"
IF I CAN CONQUER THE SORTING CABIN I'LL CONTROL THE SECTOR!

PLUTZ! WITH THE SERGEANT AT MY SIDE IT WOULD BE EASIER!
BUT I CAN'T LAZE AROUND UNTIL HIS RETURN... THUS, TO WORK!
MARCH, SOLDIERS. WE HAVE A CONTRACT TO COMMIT TO!
UNIT 64, YOU'LL OUTFLANK THE OBJECTIVE ON HE EAST SIDE, WHILE...
WELL? WHAT IS THIS? INSUBORDINATION?
THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR TAKING THE CRAWLER CENTURIONS! THEY GET STUCK ALL THE TIME!

FORTUNATELY I BROUGHT THE *UNIVERSAL REPROGRAMMING BOX*, OF COURSE WITH WHAT I PAID...
DIT DAT
AT LEAST I'LL *SAVE* ON *REINFORCEMENTS*. THE AVENGER ISN'T AS EXORBITANT AS MY COLLEAGUES!
GROAN! NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY NEOPARD ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT HOW MUCH HIS GIZMOS COST!
DARKSTEP VALLEY IS LIKE THE DUCKMALL OF SUPER-WEAPONS, BUT THE MOST *LETHAL* ARE *THE PRICES!*

SHORTLY AFTER...
MAYBE THESE SMALLER THINGS ARE ALSO CHEAPER!
DOES THE POCKET BATTALION INTEREST YOU, COLONEL?
HUH? ACTUALLY I'M NOT...
I'M VERY SORRY, GENERAL! I DION'T RECOGNIZE YOUR UNIFORM!
CLIK
GREAT CHOICE, HOWEVER! THE "POCKET" IS A MASTERPIECE OF MINIATURIZATION!
NATURALLY THE PRICE IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL, BUT...
EXACTLY, BUT! WHAT DO YOU GOT ON SPECIAL OFFER?
HMPF! AND MAYBE ON CREDIT? TRY HONEST KRUTH, DOWN THE STREET!
SPROOING

KRUTH LONESTO
OFFER
OUCH! AT A ROUGH GUESS THERE'S ONLY REMNANTS OF THE PUNIC WARS HERE!
EXCUSE ME, I WOULD...
YOU BET, REAR ADMIRAL! IF KRUTH VAN MOOR DOESN'T HAVE IT, NO ONE HAS IT!
HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED! A RANGALIAN STRATEGIC DESTROYER, AS NEW!
I DON'T...
IT BELONGED TO A DEAR OLD LADY WHO ONLY USED IT ON SUNDAY FOR SOME SMALL FIGHT WITH HER FRIENDS!
FROM THE STATE OF IT, I'D SAY SHE LOST!
AH, A CONNOISSEUR!
KRINCH
I COULD TELL!
K'WEYR- YPOO NANDAH! *
* "WE WANT THESE!"

THE POSITRONIC COMMANDOS. I'M FOND OF THEM, BUT I'LL GIVE IN JUST THE SAME AT A FAVORABLE PRICE!
SO, ABOUT THE PAYMENT...
CASH! AND I'LL THROW IN THIS BOSON GRENADE FOR FREE!
... WE'RE A LITTLE SHORT OF MONEY, BUT...
WHAAAT? AND HOW WERE YOU THINKING OF PAYING ME?
WE COULD PAY OFF THE DEBTS ON OUR RETURN!
TSK! N'APOLEONZ ALSO SAID THAT BEFORE RUNNING OFF TO PLANET WATERLOOOO!
BUT... IS THAT YOUR ABSURD BANGER?
THE DUCKMOBILE? YES, WHY?
PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY! INTERESTING!

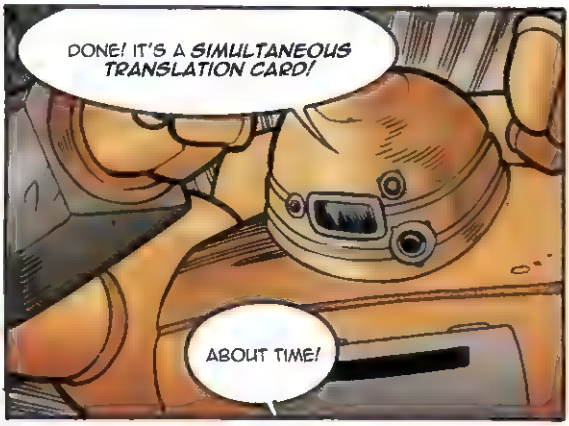
MIND YOU, IT'S WORTH NOTHING. BUT I KNOW A COLLECTOR WHO'D LIKE IT!
HE'S A GOOD COSTUMER. I COULD SEND IT TO HIM AS A CORPORATE GIFT FOR THE CHAAP-ALK ALGAE PARTY!
NO WAY! I NEED THE DUCKMOBILE!
YOU KNOW HOW TO BARGAIN, EH? ALRIGHT, LET'S RUIN EACH OTHER!
KUTH L'ONESTO
IN EXCHANGE FOR THE BANGER I'LL GIVE YOU THE COMMANDOS AND THE MOST POWERFUL TACTICAL UNIT OF MY WHOLE ASSORTMENT!
COME, I'LL SHOW YOU!
GOOD! LET'S GO, SERGEANT!
HUH? NO! HE STAYS HERE!

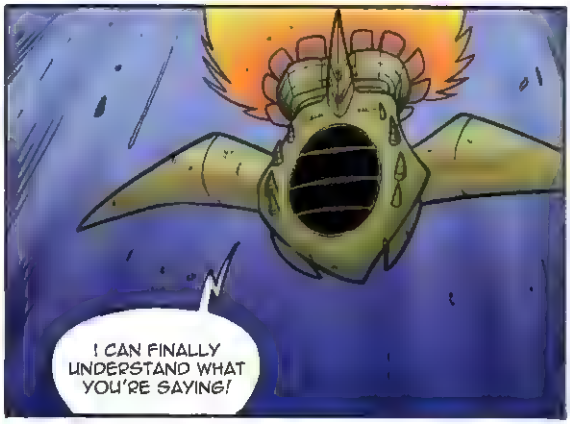
IT'S A TOP SECRET MODEL AND THE ROBOT MIGHT HAVE SOME HIDDEN CAMERAS!
AS YOU WISH, WAIT FOR ME Q'WYN!
ETZIGOOR? *
* "YOU THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?"
IT'S THE WINNING WEAPON! I'LL HAVE IT DELIVERED IN A SEALED CONTAINER!
IF I ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE!
IF? TSK TSK!
OOOH! DEAL!
GRABBAGA PLUTZ! THE INSURANCE PREMIUM WILL SKYROCKET!
SKRAWOUMM
RESOLVING THE SITUATION WOULD TAKE... OH!

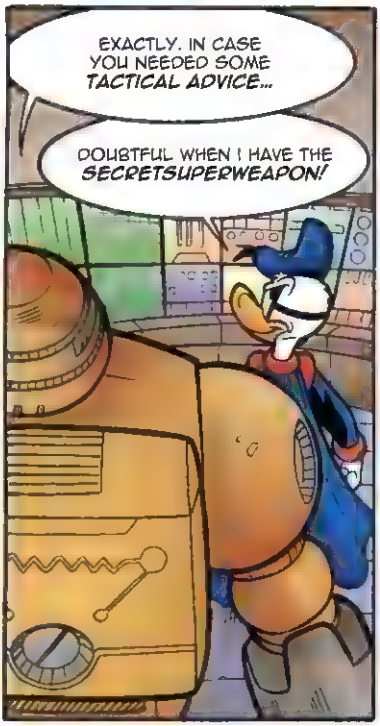
LADY ELENTHARI! IN THE NICK OF TIME!
I'M HERE, SERGEANT! LAND!
TSSHOOOOOWM
CSSSs
SS SSS
EXCELLENT TIMING. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO...
... SURRENDER! DID I GUESS RIGHT?
EEH?
THE WAR'S OVER, NEOPARD. YOU'RE MY PRISONER!
CAPTAIN ALYONESSE?

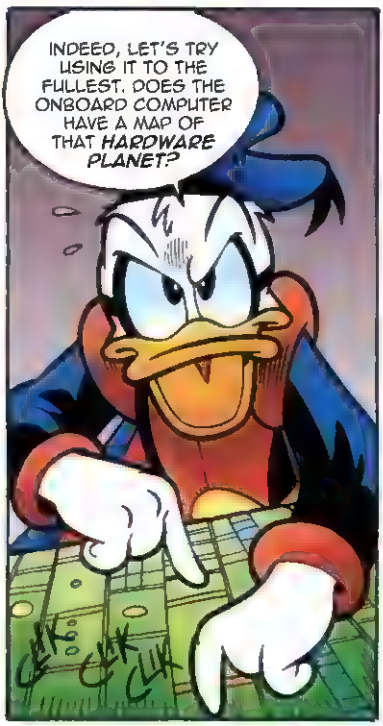
NOT FOR LONG! NOW MY TROOPS WILL COME TO SAVE ME AND CAPTURE YOU!
I'LL HAVE TO DISAPPOINT YOU, COLONEL!
THAT'S JUST A HOLOPROJECTION!
PLUTZ!
BUT IT WORKED GREAT AS BAIT! DISARM HIM!
DON'T CHANT VICTORY JUST YET. SOONER OR LATER LADY ELENTHAR! WILL REALLY RETURN!
PERHAPS... BUT IN THE MEANTIME YOU'RE ALL MINE!
HE HE! I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT!
YOU'LL SEE, SERGEANT! I MADE A STEAL!

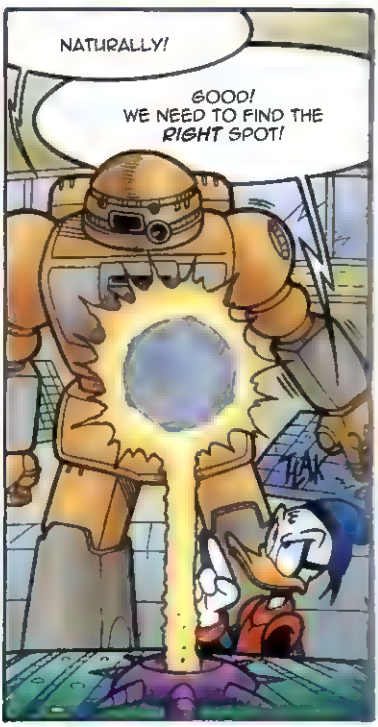
BUT WHAT'S THAT THING KRUTH GAVE YOU AS AN EXTRA?
DESSATH PHOVEDAL! *
* "JUST A SECOND... I'VE ALMOST INSTALLED IT!"

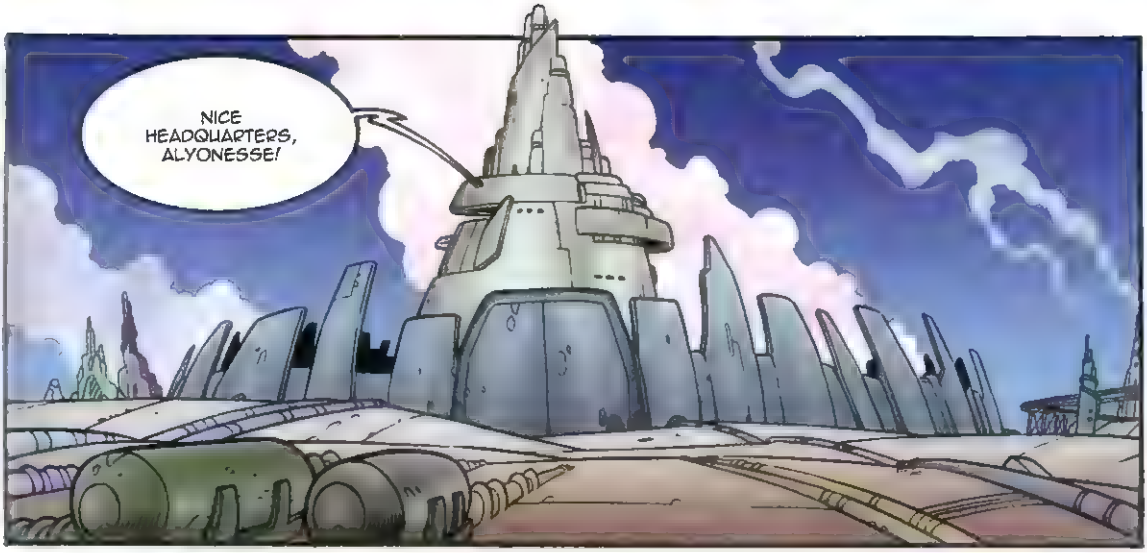

DONE! IT'S A SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION CARD!
ABOUT TIME!

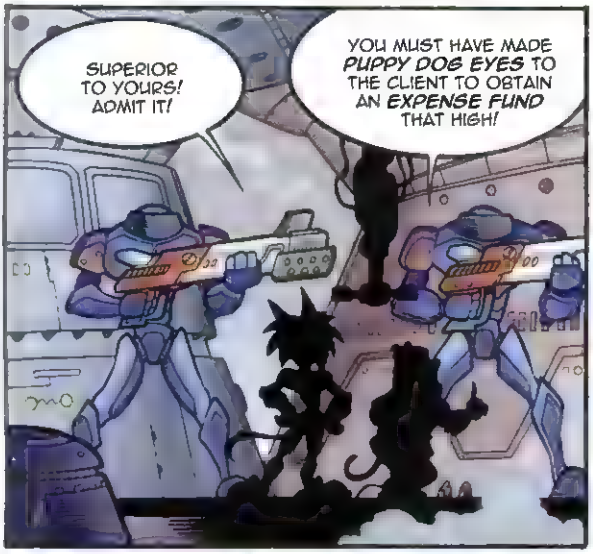

! CAN FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!


EXACTLY. IN CASE YOU NEEDED SOME TACTICAL ADVICE...
DOUBTFUL WHEN I HAVE THE SECRETSUPERWEAPON!


INDEED, LET'S TRY USING IT TO THE FULLEST. DOES THE ONBOARD COMPUTER HAVE A MAP OF THAT HARDWARE PLANET?
CLK CLK CLK

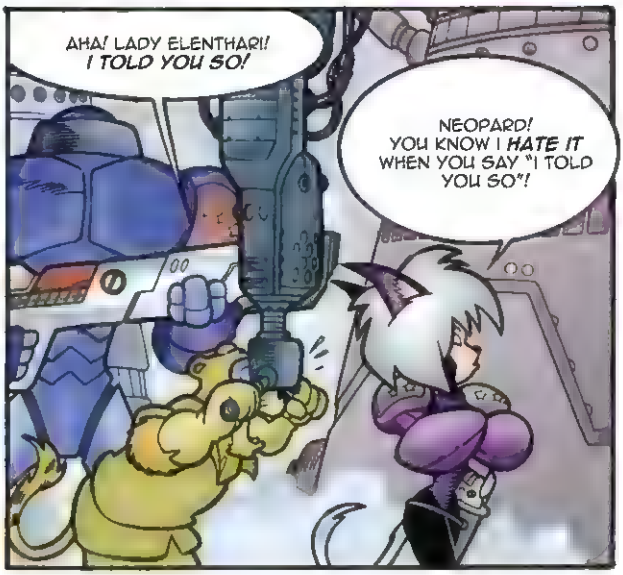

NATURALLY!
GOOO! WE NEED TO FIND THE RIGHT SPOT!
THAK


NICE HEADQUARTERS, ALYONESSE!


SUPERIOR TO YOURS! ADMIT IT!
YOU MUST HAVE MADE *PUPPY DOG EYES* TO THE CLIENT TO OBTAIN AN *EXPENSE FUND* THAT HIGH!

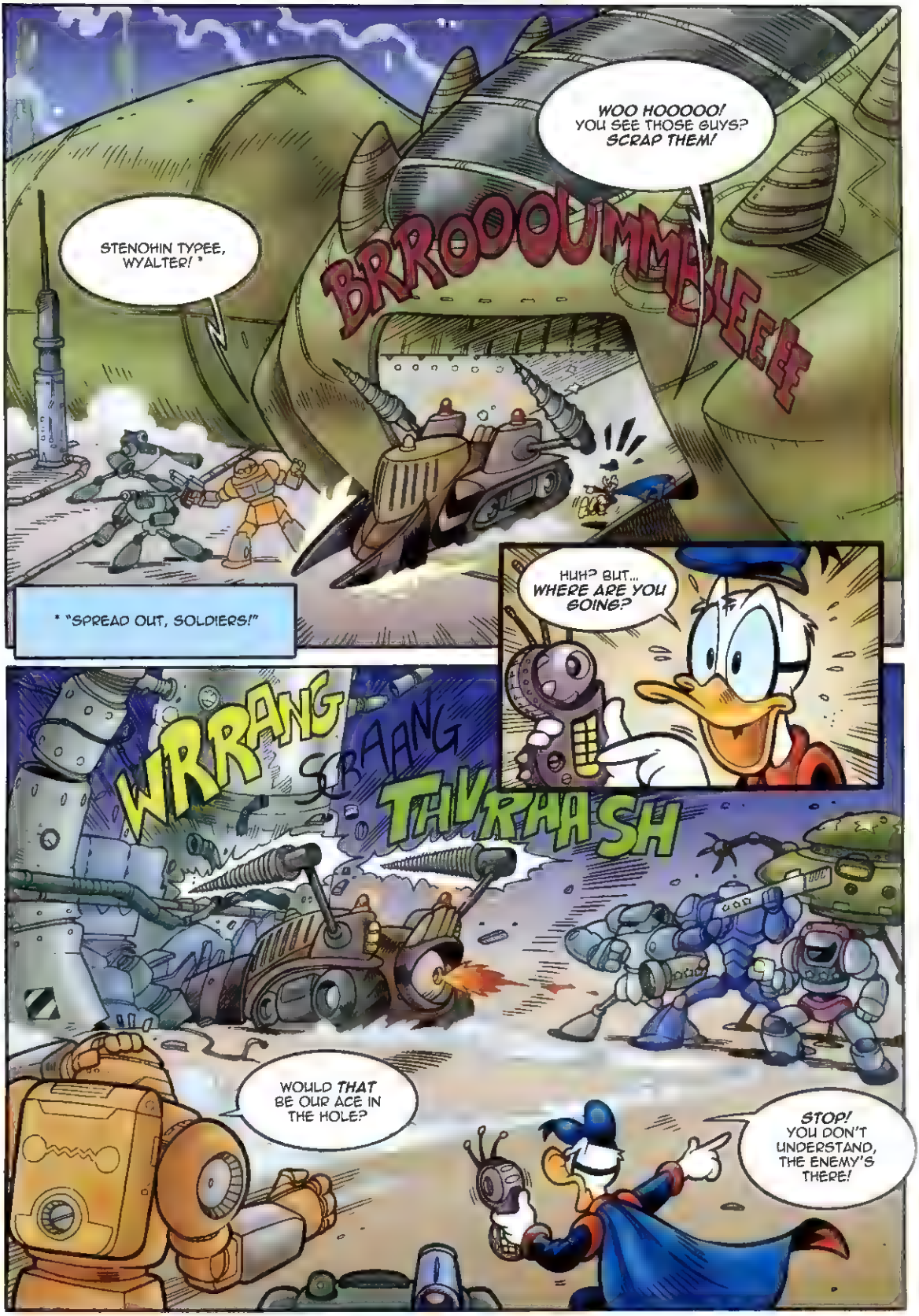
FROM HERE I CONTROL THE ENTIRE PLANETOID. I DIDN'T LOSE SIGHT OF YOU FOR AN INSTANT!
HOW CARING!

EVEN NOW I CAN... *CYSSSSA!*


AHA! LADY ELENTHARI! *I TOLD YOU SO!*
NEOPARD! YOU KNOW I *HATE IT* WHEN YOU SAY "I TOLD YOU SO"!

IT'S LANDING IN FRONT OF THE MAIN TELEMETRIC CENTER! WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?
SERGEANT Q'WYNKENNON SHOULD KNOW THAT'S THE MOST FORTIFIED PLACE ON THE ENTIRE PLANETOID!
HE KNOWS! BUT YOU DON'T KNOW MY TERRESTRIAL ALLY!
HE HAS ASTEROID SIZE GUTS!
PLUTZ! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!
I'LL ALERT ALL DEFENSES! KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, YOU TWO!
RELAX. I'LL BE GOOD!
OR ALMOST...
GLOM! NOW WE HAVE TO COME DOWN, RIGHT?

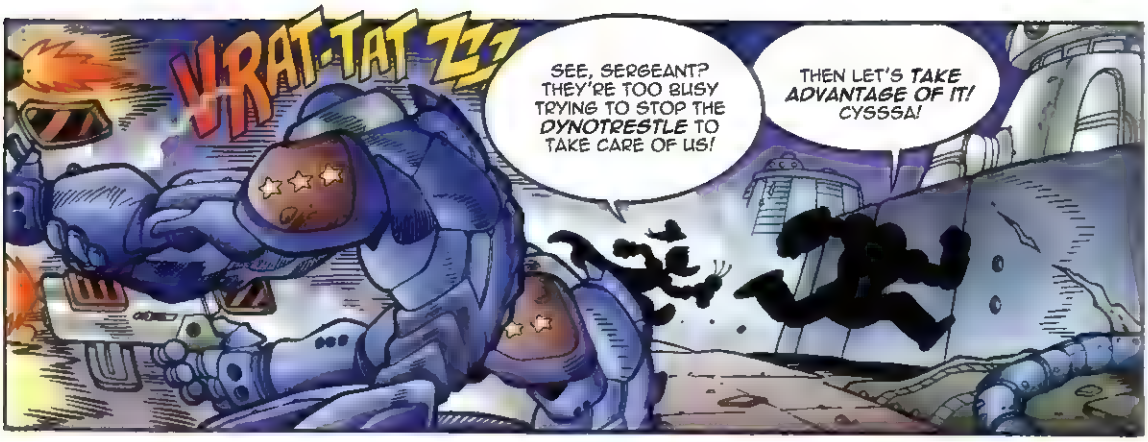
IF YOU PREFER WE CAN PICK UP THE ENEMY!
THAT DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES WORRIES ME A LITTLE!
BUT WHO CARES? KRUTH'S WRECKER WILL SWEEP THEM AWAY IN AN INSTANT!
I'LL GO ACTIVATE IT! YOU PROCEED WITH THE STANDARD TROOPS!
LET'S HOPE FOR THE BEST!
MOHV' ESNOF YNALMEK OOMANDEEH... *
* "GET READY! AT MY ORDER..."
OUT OF THE WAY, Q'WYN! HERE IT COMES!
KRUMBEE
HUH?
EEEH? WHAT IS...

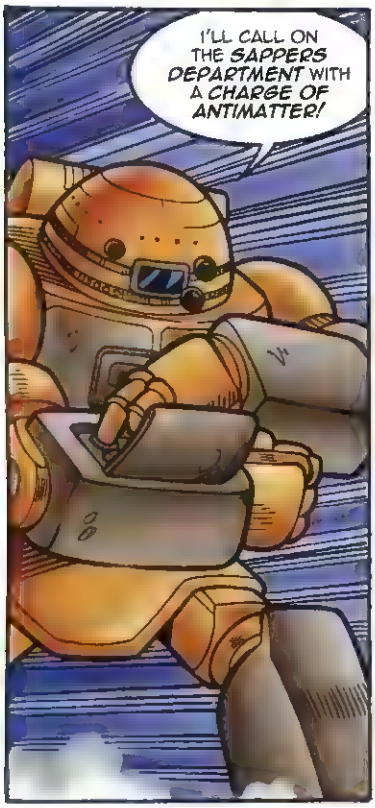

WOO HOOOOO! YOU SEE THOSE GUYS? SCRAP THEM!
STENOHIN TYPEE, WYALTER! *
BRROOOUMMBLEEE
* "SPREAD OUT, SOLDIERS!"
HUH? BUT... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WRRANG
SCRAANG
THVRHASH
WOULD THAT BE OUR ACE IN THE HOLE?
STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, THE ENEMY'S THERE!

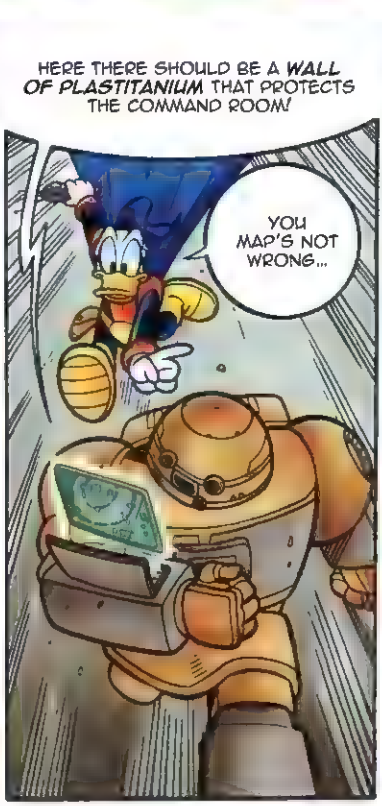
EHEM, YEAH! IT'S A LITTLE *DISOBEDIENT*, BUT...
KARAAAN
THAT'S WHY KRUTH DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE IT! NOTHING BUT A SECRET PROTOTYPE!
VROOM
LEE
AND YOU *FELL FOR IT LIKE A SLOTCH!* ACTUALLY, WORSE, LIKE A *ROOKIE!*
NO, *EVEN WORSE*, LIKE SOME KIND OF...
I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND YOU!
IN SHORT, MAY I KNOW WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH MY SUPERWEAPON?
SKR-RAOUNGA
OH, NOTHING! ONLY...
... THAT IT'S NOT A *BATTLE MACHINE!* IT'S...

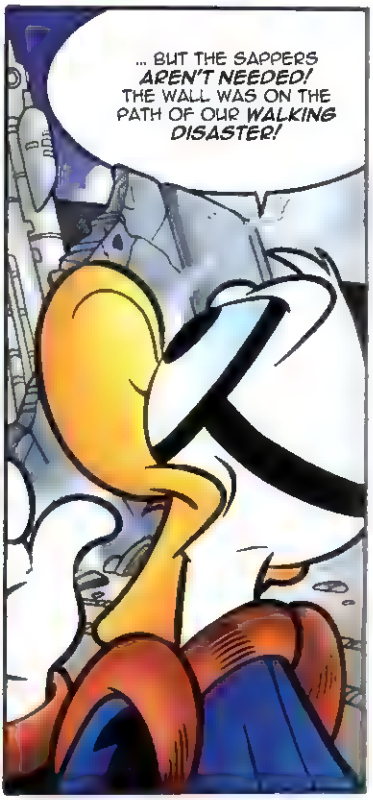
... A WRECKOTRONIC DYNODOZER? WHAT KIND OF IDEA IS THAT?
THOSE MASTODONS DON'T FIGHT! THEY ONLY SERVE TO PUT THINGS BACK IN ORDER AFTER MORE CATASTROPHIC CLASHES!
THEY CLEAR THE RUBBLE, RECOVER RECYCLABLE MACHINERY PARTS...
... AND DEMOLISH EVERYTHING ELSE!
KATASVRAAM
I SEE! GLUB!
UNLESS SOMEONE STOPS IT! OUR OPPONENTS WANT TO TRY!
WITH THAT CANON? DON'T COUNT ON IT!

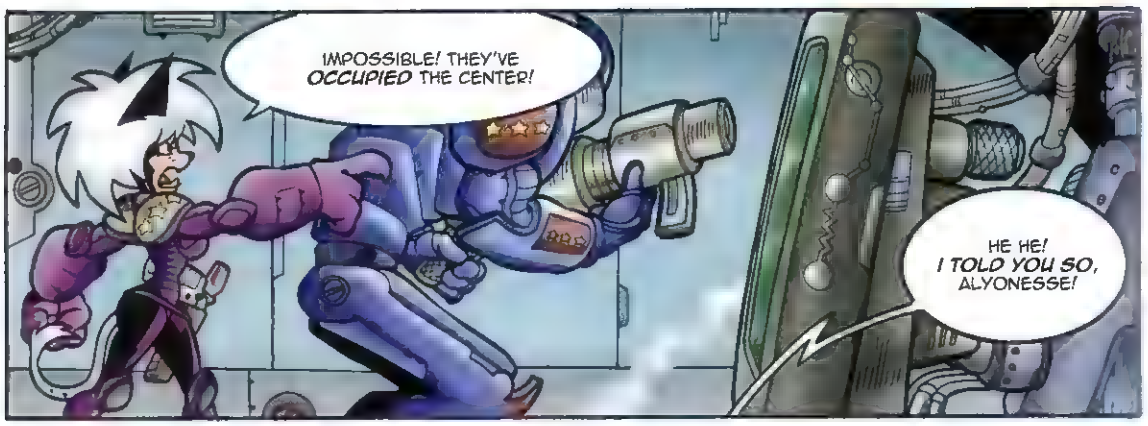
THE DYNODOZER HAS MORE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS THAN A STAR CRUISER!
ZZKRAAT
OTHERWISE IT WOULD END UP BEING CRUSHED BY THE SAME RUINS IT'S REMOVING!
KE-RROOM
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DEACTIVATE IT IS YOU, WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL IN YOUR HAND!
I ALMOST FORGOT! YOU'RE RIGHT, I CAN...
... BUT MAYBE I DON'T WANT TO!


VRAT-TAT ZZ
SEE, SERGEANT? THEY'RE TOO BUSY TRYING TO STOP THE DYNOTRESTLE TO TAKE CARE OF US!
THEN LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT! CYSSSA!


I'LL CALL ON THE SAPPERS DEPARTMENT WITH A CHARGE OF ANTIMATTER!

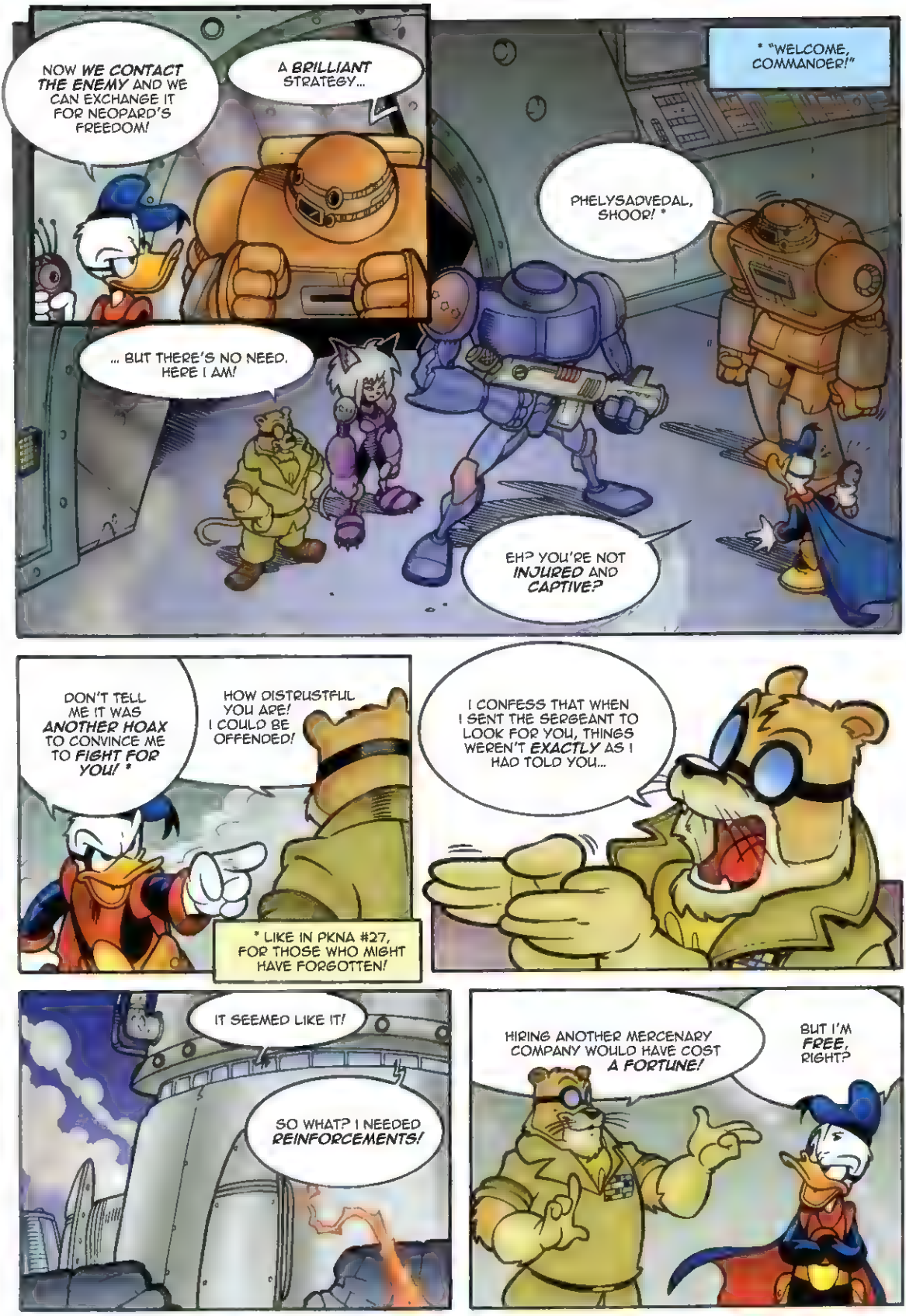

HERE THERE SHOULD BE A WALL OF PLASTITANIUM THAT PROTECTS THE COMMAND ROOM!
YOU MAP'S NOT WRONG...

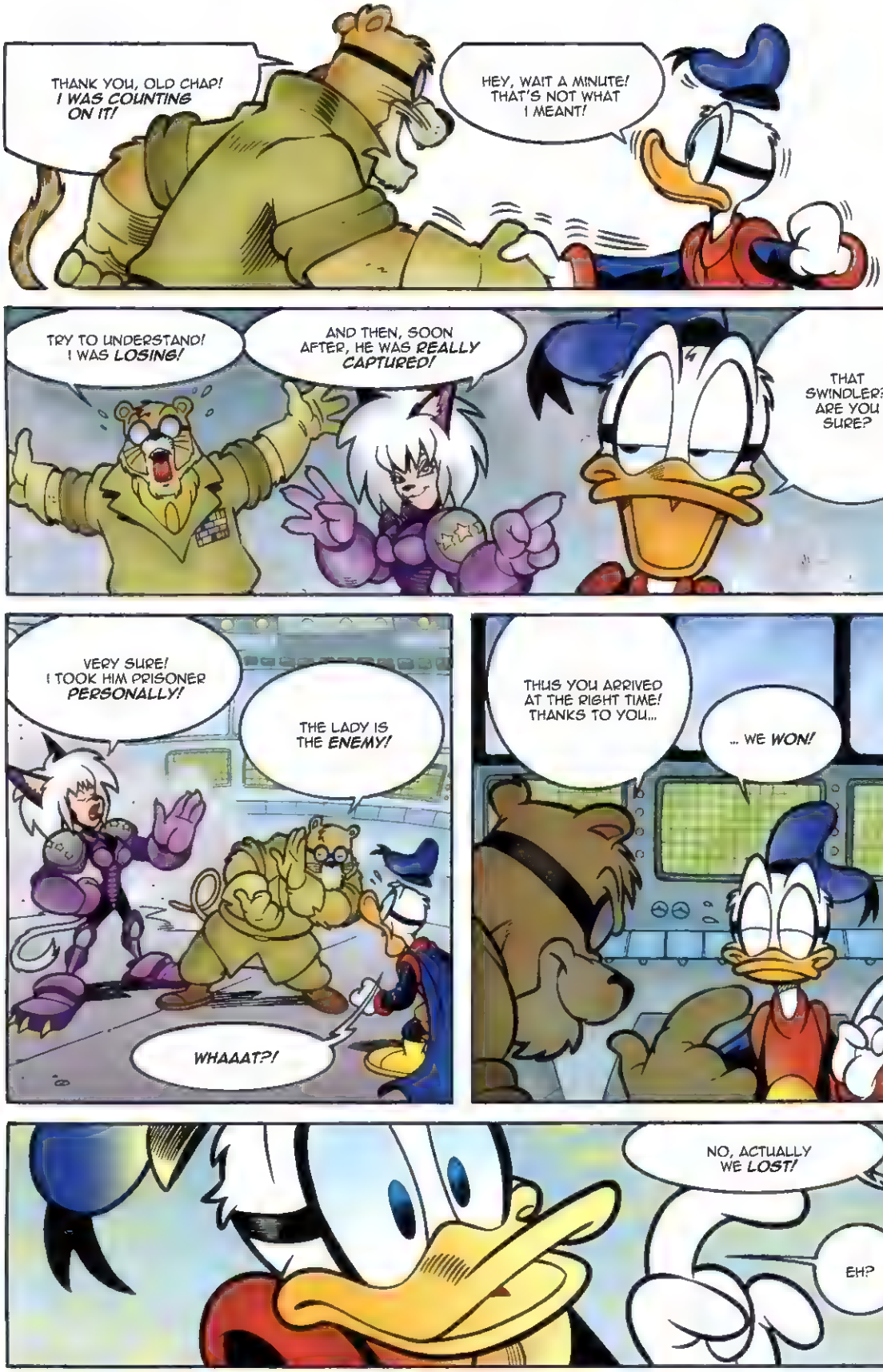

... BUT THE SAPPERS AREN'T NEEDED! THE WALL WAS ON THE PATH OF OUR WALKING DISASTER!

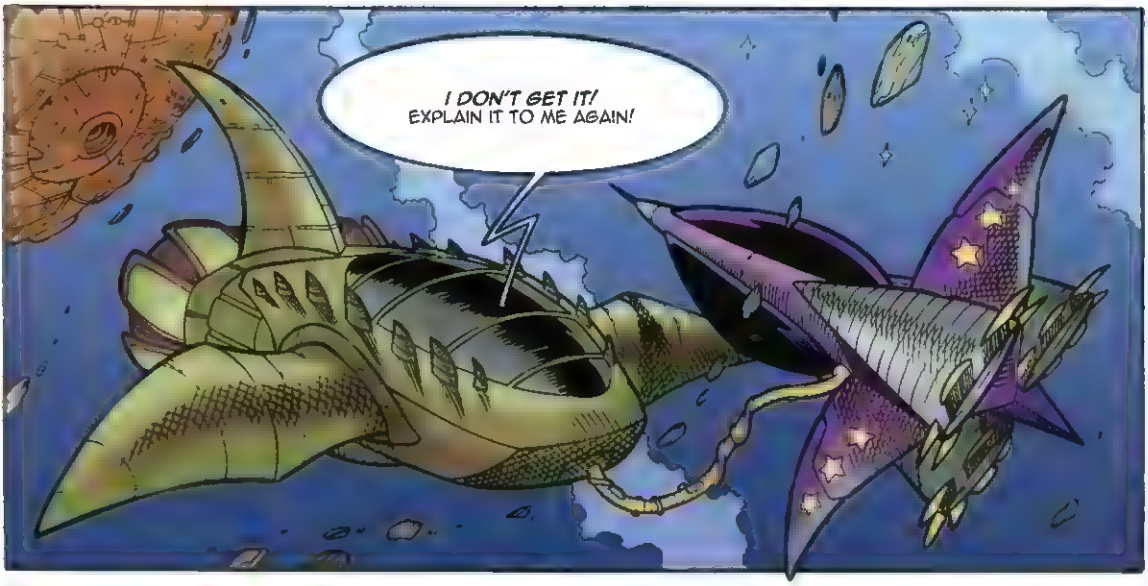

IMPOSSIBLE! THEY'VE OCCUPIED THE CENTER!
HE HE! I TOLD YOU SO, ALYONESSE!

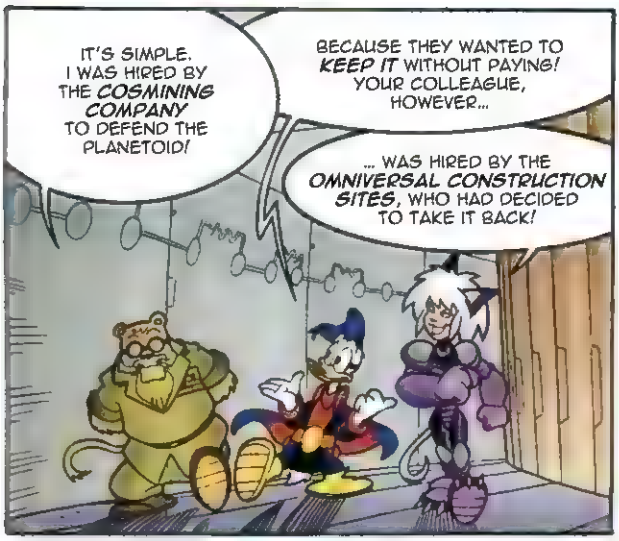
MY TERRESTRIAL PARTNER IS A BORN CONDOTTIERE!
VRRRAATT
KA-RRANG
NEOPARD?
WHO ELSE? NOW YOU ARE MY PRISONER, CAPTAIN!
BY THE WAY, YOUR TYPE 8 LEGIONNAIRES AREN'T BAD!
I SHOULD THINK SO, WITH WHAT THEY COST!
TRAITORS! I ORDERED YOU TO KEEP WATCH ON HIM!
OH, DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THEM. THEY'RE EFFICIENT, BUT NOT VERY INTELLIGENT!
WITH THIS IT WAS EASY TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THEIR COMMANDER IS ME!

A REPROGRAMMING BOX! SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED IT, WITH THE OLD JUNK YOU USE!
I TRY TO OPTIMIZE COSTS! AND IN ANY CASE I'VE WON!
YOU SURE? DON'T SAY THAT JUST YET!
LOOK AT WHAT YOUR WORTHY FRIEND HAS DONE!
GRABBAGA PLUTZ! BETTER NOTIFY OUR CLIENTS!
RRROUMBLE
ARE YOU GOING TO TURN IT OFF?
NITPICKER! LET ME HAVE FUN A LITTLE MORE!
IT'S THANKS TO IT WHAT WE'VE CONQUERED THE PLANETOID'S KEY LOCATION!

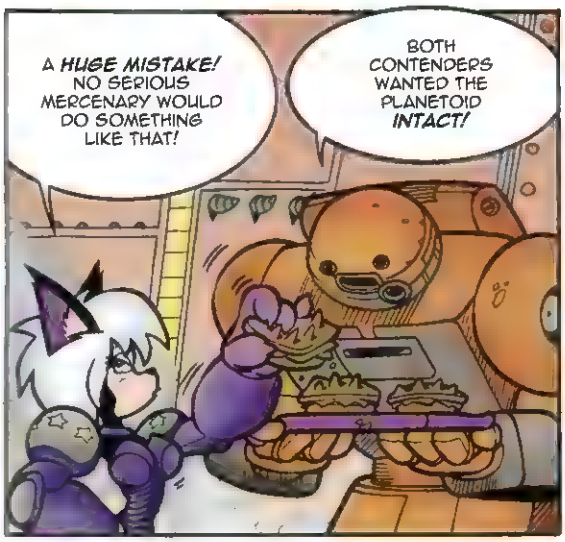

NOW WE CONTACT THE ENEMY AND WE CAN EXCHANGE IT FOR NEOPARD'S FREEDOM!
A BRILLIANT STRATEGY...
... BUT THERE'S NO NEED. HERE I AM!
* "WELCOME, COMMANDER!"
PHELYSADVEDAL, SHOOR! *
EH? YOU'RE NOT INJURED AND CAPTIVE?
DON'T TELL ME IT WAS ANOTHER HOAX TO CONVINCE ME TO FIGHT FOR YOU! *
HOW DISTRUSTFUL YOU ARE! I COULD BE OFFENDED!
* LIKE IN PKNA #27, FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN!
I CONFESS THAT WHEN I SENT THE SERGEANT TO LOOK FOR YOU, THINGS WEREN'T EXACTLY AS I HAD TOLD YOU...
IT SEEMED LIKE IT!
SO WHAT? I NEEDED REINFORCEMENTS!
HIRING ANOTHER MERCENARY COMPANY WOULD HAVE COST A FORTUNE!
BUT I'M FREE, RIGHT?

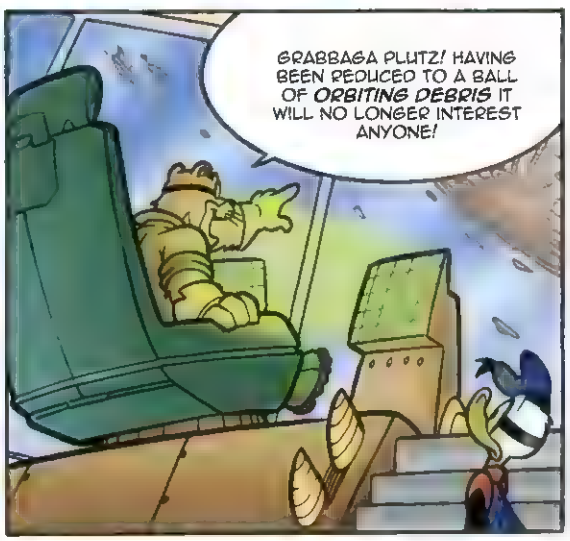

THANK YOU, OLD CHAP! I WAS COUNTING ON IT!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
TRY TO UNDERSTAND! I WAS LOSING!
AND THEN, SOON AFTER, HE WAS REALLY CAPTURED!
THAT SWINDLER? ARE YOU SURE?
VERY SURE! I TOOK HIM PRISONER PERSONALLY!
THE LADY IS THE ENEMY!
WHAAAT?!
THUS YOU ARRIVED AT THE RIGHT TIME! THANKS TO YOU...
... WE WON!
NO, ACTUALLY WE LOST!
EH?


I DON'T GET IT! EXPLAIN IT TO ME AGAIN!


IT'S SIMPLE. I WAS HIRED BY THE COSMINING COMPANY TO DEFEND THE PLANETOID!
BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO KEEP IT WITHOUT PAYING! YOUR COLLEAGUE, HOWEVER...
... WAS HIRED BY THE OMNIVERSAL CONSTRUCTION SITES, WHO HAD DECIDED TO TAKE IT BACK!

THEN YOU INTERVENED AND STARTED DESTROYING EVERYTHING!


A HUGE MISTAKE! NO SERIOUS MERCENARY WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
BOTH CONTENDERS WANTED THE PLANETOID INTACT!

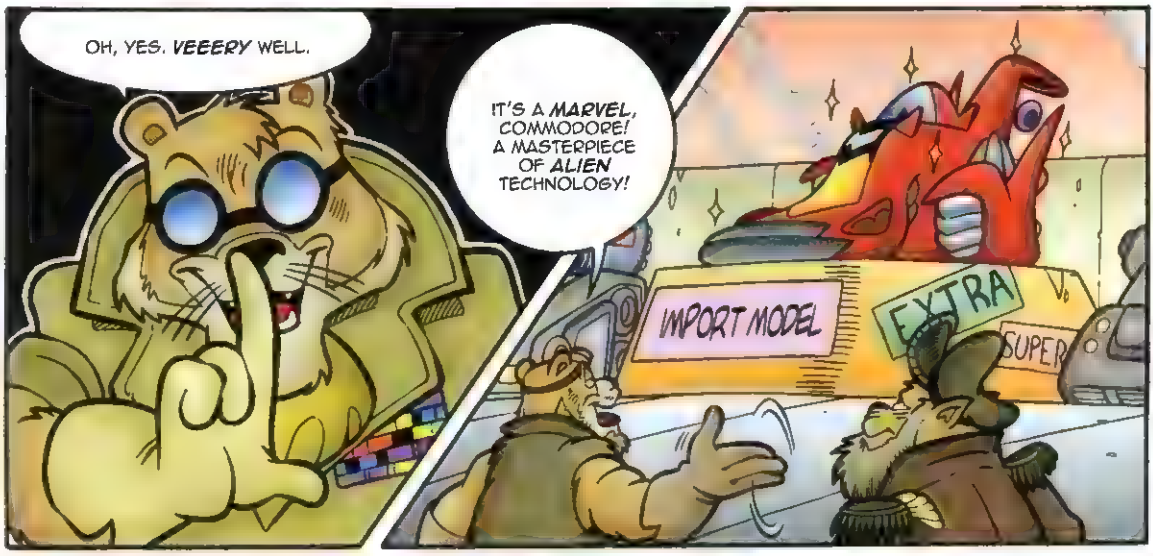

GRABBAGA PLUTZ! HAVING BEEN REDUCED TO A BALL OF ORBITING DEBRIS IT WILL NO LONGER INTEREST ANYONE!

EVEN BY REPAIRING IT, THE COSTS OF VICTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO HIGH!
HE HE! WHO WANTS TO WIN... IN PASSIVE?
THEREFORE, SEEING AS YOU WORKED FOR ME, THE COSMINERY DECIDED TO LET IT GO!
OR RATHER, THEY DECIDED TO LOSE AND ORDERED ME TO LAY DOWN MY WEAPONS!
AND SHE AND THE CONSTRUCTION SITES WON! THEN WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY?
BECAUSE... CHOMP... I LOST THE RIGHT WAY!
AH, SURE! NOW IT'S ALL CLEAR!
YES IT IS. IT WASN'T HIM BEING DEFEATED, BUT HIS CLIENT SURRENDERING!

SO I'LL STILL GET MY FEE!
AND I MINE, WITH THE PRODUCTION BONUS PROVIDED IN CASE OF VICTORY!
IN ADDITION I'LL COLLECT THE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION OF THE ANTI-DEFEAT POLICY I MADE BEFORE I LEFT!
NO MERCENARY WOULD ACT WITHOUT A GOOD INSURANCE!
IN SHORT, A BAG OF MONEY!
FANTASTIC! WONDER IF IT CAN BE EXCHANGED TO DUCKBURGIAN DOLLARS!
SAV'O' TDY... I MEAN, WHY?
WELL, IF WE ALL WON THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING FOR ME TOO, SHOULDN'T IT?
DEPENDS... WHAT DOES YOUR CONTRACT SAY?
WHAT CONTRACT?

TSK TSK! NO REAL MERCENARY...
... WOULD ACT WITHOUT A REGULAR CONTRACT! DON'T TELL ME, I GET IT!
AS USUAL EVERYONE HAS WON... EXCEPT FOR YOURS TRULY!
AND I ALSO LOST THE DUCKMOBILE!
IS IT YOUR FLAGSHIP?
GROAN! MORE OR LESS...
I HOPE MY TROOPS DIDN'T DESTROY IT!
NO. I CEDED IT TO THAT HONEST DUFFER KRUTH IN EXCHANGE FOR THE DYNOBIN!

TO KRUTH? KRUTH VAN MOOR?
YOU KNOW HIM?

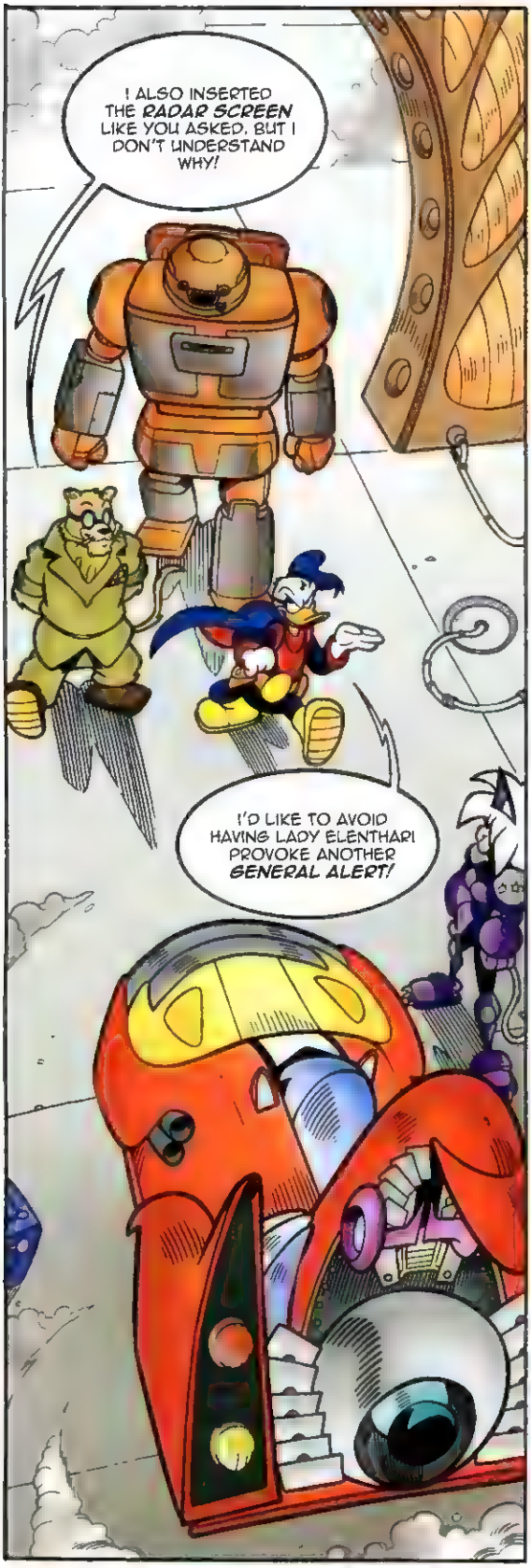

OH, YES. VEEERY WELL.
IT'S A MARVEL, COMMODORE! A MASTERPIECE OF ALIEN TECHNOLOGY!
IMPORT MODEL
EXTRA
SUPER

NO ONE HAS YET COME UP WITH ADEQUATE DEFENSES AGAINST IT'S UNKNOWN WEAPONS!
SO YOU'LL SELL IT DEARLY!
RIGHT, COUSIN KRUTH?
COUSIN GROFT! WEREN'T YOU IN THE AAAAAA SYSTEM?

I WAS! AND YOU THOUGHT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SWINDLE MY PARTNER!
YOUR WHAT? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU HAD ONE!
TSK! NOW YOU'LL TELL ME YOU DIDN'T RECOGNIZE MY SERGEANT!
LAPHAT FEENTAO GN'YENT! *
I THOUGHT HE HAD CHANGED BOSS!
* "HE IGNORED ME!"
ALL EXCUSES! WE'LL SEE WHAT THE ELDERLY OF OUR CLAN THINK ABOUT THAT!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
GRANDPA VAN MOOR WON'T LET ME GET AWAY WITH IT!
Z-ZAT
AND YOU'D BE RIGHT! YOU GAVE ME CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT PASSING IT OFF AS A SECRET WEAPON!
BECAUSE OF YOU I RISKED NOT HONORING MY CONTRACT!
VARR GOOGNASS-AMARRSAH! *
* "WHAT SHAME!"

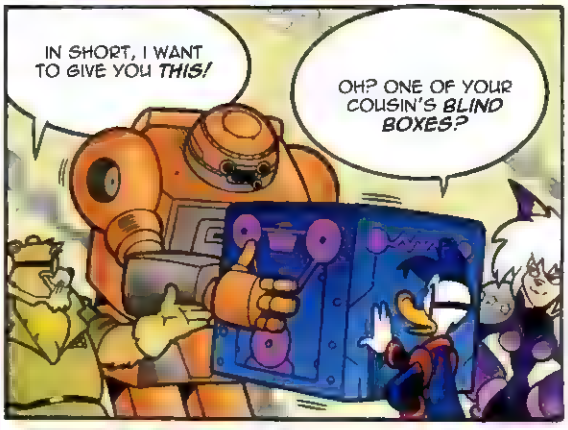
THE ELDERLY WILL AT THE VERY LEAST CONDEMN YOU TO PROVIDE ME A COMPLETE ARSENAL OF TRIPLE A CLASS AND A...
PLUTZ! LET'S TALK ABOUT IT, COUSIN!
YOUR PARTNER CAN TAKE BACK HIS CARRIAGE! ALRIGHT?
I'VE EVEN POLISHED IT!
IF YOU WANT THE DYNOGRINDER BACK, IT'S PARKED ON GRULLOP!
IMPORT MODS
BLND BOXES
3.50=
THE POSITRONIC COMMANDOS, THOUGH, I'LL KEEP THEM, AS COMPENSATION!
SIGH!
PAT
DON'T BE LIKE THAT. IN RETURN I'LL COME TO YOU TO STOCK UP FOR MY NEXT CAMPAIGN!

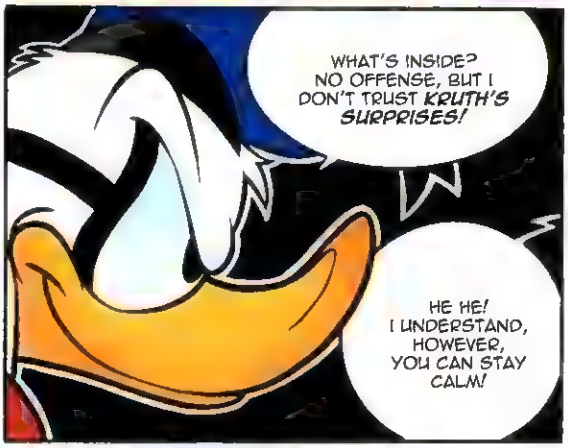
BUT I WANT GOOD MERCHANDISE! THE STUFF YOU HAVE IN THE BACK!
NATURALLY! YOU KNOW I ONLY KEEP THIS SCRAP FOR STUPID TOURISTS!
THANKS A LOT. GO AHEAD AS IF I'M NOT HERE!
IMPORT MODEL
CAN WE GO?
JUST WAIT A SECOND...
I'D LIKE TO BUY ONE OF THOSE, COUSIN!
B. NO BOXES
HUH? YOU DO?
LATER...
HERE'S YOUR STOP, AVENGER!
YOU SURE IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN DUCKBURG?
I GUARANTEE IT! I'VE SPECIFICALLY CALCULATED THE DURATION OF THE TRIP!


I ALSO INSERTED THE RADAR SCREEN LIKE YOU ASKED. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY!
I'D LIKE TO AVOID HAVING LADY ELENTHARI PROVOKE ANOTHER GENERAL ALERT!

WELL, SEE YA, NEOPARD! UNTIL NEXT TIME...
SLOW DOWN! I'VE YET TO THANK YOU!

ONCE AGAIN YOU'VE BEEN OF GREAT HELP! YOUR TACTIC IS A BIT ORIGINAL, BUT VERY EFFICIENT!


IN SHORT, I WANT TO GIVE YOU THIS!
OH? ONE OF YOUR COUSIN'S BLIND BOXES?

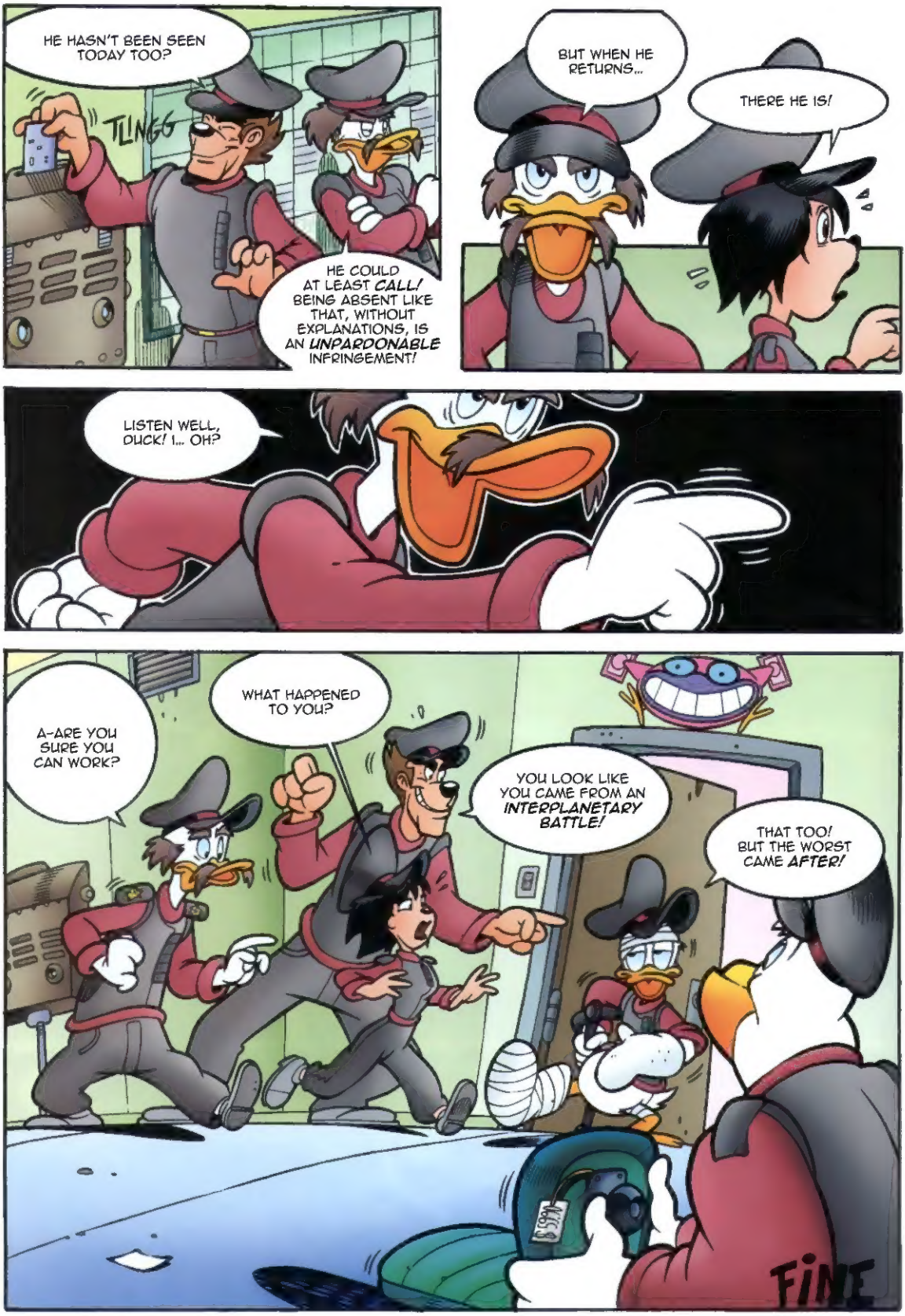

WHAT'S INSIDE? NO OFFENSE, BUT I DON'T TRUST KRUTH'S SURPRISES!
HE HE! I UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, YOU CAN STAY CALM!

IT CONTAINS AN ASSORTMENT OF OBSOLETE WEAPONS THAT MY COUSIN COULDN'T GET RID OF!
FOR US THEY'RE TOO ANTIQUE... BUT NOT FOR YOU!
AND NEITHER FOR MY ANTAGONISTS! THANKS, NEOPARD!
DON'T HOLD BACK. I IMAGINE THERE'S ALREADY ANOTHER CONFLICT WAITING FOR YOU!
DON'T EXAGGERATE! DON'T YOU HAVE HOLIDAYS ON EARTH?
WITH A PILE OF CASH TO SPEND...
... WE COULD TAKE A LUXURIOUS VACATION IN THE FIVE STAR SYSTEM!
YOU COULD? TOGETHER?
WHAT'S STRANGE ABOUT THAT?
MY BAD. I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE YOU!

DUCK AVENGER, THIS IS LADY ELENTHARI LLEYR DALAGH, MY BELOVED GIRLFRIEND!
AT WORK I'M KNOWN AS CAPTAIN ALYONESSE!
THESE THINGS HAPPEN ON A PLANET OF MERCENARIES, EH?
AAH' SVA DOOM!
A NICE COUPLE... BUT I DARE NOT IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY ARGUE! HE HE!
AT LEAST NOW I KNOW WHY NEOPARD'S SPACESHIP IS CALLED "LADY ELENTHARI"!
AND IF NOTHING ELSE, FOR ONCE I GOT SOMETHING OUT OF IT!
FSSHOOOM

YAWN! IT'S REALLY LATE...
... BUT I'M TOO CURIOUS TO SEE THE SURPRISES IN THE BLIND BOX!
I'LL TRY TO BE QUIET. I DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP OLD LYO!
AND THIS THING? JUST HAVING THE BAD GUY SEE IT WILL MAKE HIM WANT TO SURRENDER!
LOOK AT THIS! WONDER HOW YOU USE IT!

THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A WEAPON. FORTUNATELY *THERE'S A USER MANUAL!*
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, BUT THERE ARE *FIGURES!* LET'S SEE... LIFT HERE...
... PULL HERE, AND...
PHAAAAAAM
... EH?
TSK! *DONALD!*


HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN TODAY TOO?
TLING
HE COULD AT LEAST CALL! BEING ABSENT LIKE THAT, WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS, IS AN UNPARDONABLE INFRINGEMENT!
BUT WHEN HE RETURNS...
THERE HE IS!
LISTEN WELL, DUCK! I... OH?
A-ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN WORK?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU CAME FROM AN INTERPLANETARY BATTLE!
THAT TOO! BUT THE WORST CAME AFTER!
FINE